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Gov't panel recommends El Al fly on Shabbat

By DAVID HARRIS

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El Al should fly on Shabbat once the company is privatized early next year, the governmentappointed committee that is researching selling the national carrier recommended.

The report is to be published Sunday, but yesterday committee chairman and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's economics adviser Mosbe Leon confirmed some of the proposals.

In response to the halachically

compromising blueprint prepared with the full cooperation of the NRP-led Transport Ministry, Deputy Construction and Housing Minister Meir Porush (United Torah Judaism) last night described the proposal as terrifying.

Other politicians from religious parties also condemned the proposals, with several secular MKs saying they too will oppose the plans for a variety of reasons.

The key proposals include: A public flotation in Tel Aviv of 100 percent of El Al shares.

•Flights on Shabbat, as long as Ben-Gurion Airport's total Shabbat traffic does not exceed its current level.

•Guaranteeing full compensauon for workers who are laid off. •Continued government involvement is El Al security. The second of these proposals

already bas been roundly condemned by politicians across the poliocal spectrum, with several members of the Knesset Fmance committee saying they will oot support the plan.

The political implications of flying on Shabbat are enormous, with the religious parties likely to threaten to pull-out of the government as a result.

Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy (NRP) last night told The Jerusalem Post he has yet to receive a copy of the report, but a senior NRP official familiar with the committee's work said yesterday, "Politically, I am

very scared by this." Levy has repeatedly said he will not approve any proposals that include Shabbat flights. However,

man Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) said he would not comment for the time being, but he had received an assurance from Levy that the proposals would mean no increase in Shabbat trans-

"Any attempt to fly on Shabbat will be vigorously opposed by all the religious parties," said MK Yitzhak Cohen (Shas).

With the cabinet committee on privatization likely to discuss the proposals in the coming weeks, Levy said he is convinced the Shabbat flights will not be approved. The government will not

change the status quo," said Levy. "I have no guarantees, but the government will not change a fundamental principle."

Despite that confidence, Leon, a confidante of Netanyahu, along with Government Companies Authority director-general Tzipi Livni and Transport Ministry direc-tor-general Nahoum Langental have realized the economic need for the company to fly every day.

There are several religious investors prepared to purchase the company without Shabbat flights.

insisted Levy. However, favoring a public flotation, Leon said. If there are religious investors, let them buy control via the stock exchange."

The compromise proposal of limited Shabbai activity was described as "a Bar-Ilan style solution" by MK Eli Goldschmidt

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Levy: PM made new proposals at summit

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and news agencies

Foreign Minister David Levy said yesterday that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu raised new proposals as alternatives to Palestinian demands at their meeting with Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak in Sharm e-Sheikh on Tuesday

Jerusalem is waiting for Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's answer to these ideas, government sources said. The sources said the US also is waiting Egyptian mediation efforts before sending peace envoy Dennis Ross to the region again.

Mubarak's adviser Osama el-Baz briefed Arafai on the summit in Gaza yesterday. El-Baz may arrive in Jerusalem today or tomorrow to cononue his mediation efforts to break the deadlock in peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians. El-Baz told reporters outside Arafat's office that the summit had

no results. "Until now we have not achieved anything and we cannot achieve an understanding with one step only," he said. "I hope that we will continue these contacts in the next period to explore the possibilities of how to

move the peace process forward." General Security Service head Ami Ayalon estimated yesterday that the Palestinians will continue to maintain a tough stand on Jerusalem. He spoke to the security cabinet, which held its first meeting yesterday on final-status talks with the

Mordechai stressed that finalstatus talks should be approached extremely slowly "in a gradual and well thought-out way." He said will make sure no IDF offi-.cers are involved in the political discussions.

Meanwhile, the prime minister's spokesman Shai Bazak confirmed that Neganyahu and Levy will travel to the United States at the end of June to attend a United Nations conference on the environment.

"As yet there have been no meetings scheduled with President Clinton, but it's very likely there will be discussions to this end,



Labor MKs Avraham Shohat, Dalia Itzik, Nissim Zvili, Haim Ramon and Binyamin Ben-Eliezer speak to reporters in Tel Aviv yesterday. On the table is a sign that reads, 'Bibi, a bad year for Israel.'

Labor MKs wish gov't happy last birthday

Labor MKs yesterday marked the Likud government's first birthday by heaping scom upon it and wishing it a sbort life.

MK Haim Ramon predicted "the coming year will be the last for [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu's tenure in his present office." Ramon and MKs Dalia Itzik, Avraham Shohat, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and party Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli all spoke at a press conference in Tel Aviv that aimed to cut the government down. They sought to outdo each other with denunciations and maledictions of the government.

Ramon argued that "Netanyahn bas no mandate to govern. He won the elections deceitfully and must therefore go to the nadon again immediately and ask for a new mandate ... the Netanyahu government will not live out this year.

"After Labor emerges from its leadership primary on June 3, we will redouble our efforts to bring this government down. We haven't perhaps been a fighting opposition thus far, but from June 4 oo we will show the

nation what we are capable of." Ben-Eliezer also promised that, "From this point on Labor will become a fighting opposition in the fullest sense of the words. From now on we will not voice our discontent in press conferences, but will take over the streets, the roads, the junctions and we will be at the prime minister's home and outside his office. He will find no rest."

Ben-Eliezer forecast "an awful bloody intifada, which will break out because of Netanyahu's policies, especially the fact that the peace process has ground to a halt. The birthday celebration for Rabin's assassin outside his prison last week was a fitting symbolical end for Netanyahu'a first year in

Zvilli opened by begging "the public to forgive us in Labor for our mistakes during the recent campaign. It was because of our errors that Netanyahu won and now he is driving the country to rain. We could oot begin to predict a year ago to what depths Netanyahu would burl this country and what

abysmal deterioration he would trigger.' His words were echoed by Itzik, who charged that "Netanyahu has been leading the country from one failing to another. He corrects one mistake by making an even greater one." She went on to accuse the government of "dispatching education into the emergency room. Never has education in this country been in worse shape.... The posiove economic direction under Labor has been totally overturned.

The Likud issued an official statement hot on the heels of the Labor press conference, in which it argued that "the amazing performance by Labor's MKs presents to the public a frustrated, irresponsible opposition, which for a whole year had not yet managed to reconcile itself to the election results. The throes of losing power bave deprived Labor leaders of a radonal outlook.

"Labor leaders must realize that curses and invective are no substitute for serious policies. So far Labor bas excelled only in internal bickering, not in mounting a credible opposition."

Borer said.

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Feud delays diplomatic postings

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

The diplomatic appointments announced last week were not approved yesterday, as scheduled, amid growing ferment in the Foreign Ministry over a perceived move to isolate it from the diplomatic network and the peace process.

mittee, which was to meet yesterday, postponed the meeting at the request of the ministry's union, which is seething over the new political appointments.

Foreign Minister David Levy, who heads the committee, agreed to wait until the union formulates its position.

The appointments made by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu last week include his political adviser, Dr. Dore Gold, as ambassador to the United Nations, the former head of AIPAC's Israel office, Leonard Davis, as No. 2 in the Washington and National embassy. Infrastructure Ministry spokesman Ra'anan Gissin as embassy press

numerous political appointments of non-professional outsiders are causing "total demoralization" in the miniatry and cutting off the ministry's professional staff from the senior

diplomatic work, a ministry source said.

The message we are getting is that professional diplomats, who dedicate their life to Israel's international relations, are not worthy of semor posts abroad and that the ministry has been cut off from the state's foreign relations," the source

telling him that the latest political appointments are taking relations with the US out of the Foreign Ministry's hands, If approved, the union said, these appointments will render the ministry a marginal, irrelevant appendage of the apparatus determining Israel's foreign relations, whose senior staff is good only for administrative work, such as issuing passports.

The union and other ministry staff are also angry at the numerous political appointments for other senior diplomacic posts, including consuls-general in New York and Boston.

"Add to this the Israeli ambassadors in London, Pretoria, Beijing, and Moscow, which are all political appointments, and you find that all the senior posts in the world have been taken from the Foreign Ministry," the source said.

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NIS 250m. spent on settlers' security since 1994

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The sum of NIS 250 million has been poured into beefing up security in settlements throughout Judea and Samaria over the past three and a half years, said Col. Yitzhak Aviram, bead of regional defense in the Central Command, yesterday.

Aviram told reporters that 97 percent of the plans to enhance security in the settlements have been carried out. These include special electrooic fences with warning devices, security lighting, bypass roads, special units on call in 80% of the settlements, bullet proofing for school buses, and the purchase of security vehicles.

In addition, internal paging systems have been installed in settlements and 300 soldiers guard settlement entrances.

This summer, Civil Guard units accompanied by a policeman will start operating in Alfei Menashe, Betar Illit, Immanuel, Beit Ariel, and Karnei Shomron. These units, stressed Aviram, will only be allowed to operate within settlements.

One of the most outstanding achievements cited by Aviram is the bulletproofing of 5g regional council buses and 41 Dan and Egged buses that transport chil-

dren to and from schools, at a cost of NIS 400,000 per bus. He added that more funds are required to bulletproof an additional 50 buses. An option available to settlers is the installation of "panic butons" in vehicles that send radio signals to one of nine communication centers in settlements throughout Judea, Samaria, Gaza, and the Jordan Valley. A press of the bunon by a driver needing assistance automatically registers on a computer screen at the center, pinpointing the

assistance to arrive quickly. Regarding weapon permit applications, Yitzhak stressed that out of 4,000 requests for permits in the territories, only 170 were rejected, about 10 by the General Security Service.

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Liat Collins adds: The Finance Ministry yesterday asked the Knesset Finance Committee to cut more than NIS 20 million from the budget of the Housing and Construction Ministry, which would be used instead to subsidize development in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza as part of a NIS 56m. development

MK Avraham Shohat (Labor) reacted angrily to the request, saying it would particularly affect the lowest socioeconomic stratum.

Six Day War recalled

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

On the eve of the Six Day War, the chief military chaplain, Rabbi Shlomo Goren, was ordered 10 designate burial sites in the Tel Aviv area for an anticipated

10,000 war dead. The trepidation with which Israel regarded a war that would prove one of the most acclaimed military successes in history was touched on Yesterday at a conference sponsored Tel Aviv University and the Rabin Center for Israel Studies Darking the 30th anniversary of

that watershed event. Maj.-Gen. (res.) Yesbayahu Gavish, who commanded the



southern front, said defense minister Moshe Dayan had been the first political figure to tell him before the war that he expected the Israeli army to triumph. But Dayan cited an anocipated casualty figure that

Gavish declined to repeat. "He said that the current generation of paratroopers and tank men would be lost," said Gavish.

Maj -Gen. (res.) Shlomo Gazit, then a senior intelligence officer, said he did not believe the plan to destroy the entire Egyptian air force in three hours was feasible. "But I thought that even 50 per-

cent would be good too," he said. On the contrary, Maj.-Gen. (res.) Mordecai Hod, the commander of the air force at the time, said he never doubted the success of the air force plan and that it had destroyed even more enemy aircraft than he had anticipated.

(A report on the three-day conference will be published next week.)

GENEVA (Reuter) - Neutral Switzerland, accused of hoarding

the wealth of Jews murdered by Hitler, sold the bulk of its wartime arms exports to Nazi Germany, according to Swiss diplomatoc archives published yesterday.

Swiss historian Mauro Cerutti, a researcher who studied the archives, said Germany got nearly two-thirds of Swiss exports of arms and war material. It received arms worth \$422 million in the currency of the time.

These are official figures. They are very precise," he said.

One new document also showed how former Swiss foreign minister Max Petitpierre complained of Swiss banks' insistence on retaining their secrecy rules. The document named Swiss private and commercial bankers taking part in meetings with officials.

The documents reveal the amtude of Swiss banks. They refused

an intervectioo by the authorities," Cerutti said. Cerutti said the documents revealed much about Switzerland's

Swiss profited from Nazi arms sales

wartime record, but he said they were limited to federal government documents and that questions still remained over the archives in the vaults of Swiss banks. In a sign of Swiss unease over

their wartime links with Germany, another document showed how Swiss industrialists helped pay for a trip to Switzerland by former British prime minister Winston Churchill in 1946. The aim was to buy favor among the Allies, Cerutti said.

In Jerusalem, Swiss Ambassador Thomas Borer, head of a Swiss Foreign Ministry task-force charged with untangling his country's deals with the Nazis, said Germany's threat was too strong for his small country to resist. "After 1941, Switzerland was

recent revelations about their role in the war, many Swiss feel frustrated by attacks on them.

Germany and the Axis powers. Therefore, my government had to

enter into a lot of compromises,"

was not compromised.

Borer insisted Swiss neutrality

Under neutrality law, you have

But Efraim Zuroff, director of

a right to sell arms to countries in

the Israel office of the Simon

Wiesenthal Center, said the

German threat was oo excuse for

selling arms to the Nazis, "I think

the Swiss policy of selling arms to

the Nazis is basically morally

Still, Borer said, in light of

"They didn't profit from the Second World War, and they had nothing to do with what the Germans did," he said.

in brief

249 Palestinians jailed without charges

Since the Oslo agreements, the length of administrative detentions has increased dramatically and 249 Palestinians are currently being held in Israeli jails without charges. Mahmoud Zeid is serving his eighth six-month term, and 11 others are in their sixth term. More than half have had their terms extended at

"This is unprecedented. During the intifada, only rarely were detainees held for extended periods," according to a B'Tselem

The IDF Spokesman responded that administrative detention is invoked only when the area commander sees "a serious and clear danger to the area." Jerusalem Post Staff

Shots fired at Ramallah stone-throwers

Stones were thrown at Israeli vehicles travelling near Ramallah yesterday morning. An unknown man responded by firing shots in the air to disperse the stone throwers near the A-Ram checkpoint. Judea and Samaria Police spokesman Opher Sivan said the man, travelling in a Renault Express car. wasn't caught. "Luckily no damage or injuries were reported."

Bnei Brak man charged with abusing minor

A 40-year-old Bnei Brak resident was charged in Tel Aviv District Court with physically, mentally and sexually abusing a minor for the past 10 years - from the time she was eight. The district-attorney asked that the suspect be remanded until the end of legal proceedings against him, saying he threatened to murder the girl if she filed a complaint against him. The court postponed the remand hearing until Tuesday, and

Meretz MKs: Fix IDF yeshiva student quota

the suspect will remain in jail meanwhile.

Meretz MKs Amnon Rubinstein and Haim Oron, together with a number of reserve soldiers, petitioned the High Court of Justice to fix a quota for the number of yesbiva students that receive exemptions from military service.

Granting exemptions to thousands of yeshiva students places an extra burden on those who do compulsory and reserve duty, the perition said. This year, some 27,500 exemptions will be

The exemption was intended to protect Jewish learning, but there is no longer a threat to the existence of yeshivot and this reasoning no longer holds, they said. Batsheva Tsur and Itim

'Crying burglar' gets five and a half years

Zevulun Naor, 25, of Rehovot, was sentenced yesterday by Rehovot Magistrate's Court to five-and-a-half years' imprisonment for a number of burglaries in the city. Naor became known by police as "the crying burglar" for his practice of bursting into tears whenever he was caught or brought before a judge - which usually resulted in a suspended sentence. Yesterday, however, despite weeping profusely and begging the court for mercy. Naor was sent to prison.

Kirov Ballet opens Israel Festival

A near capacity crowd of close to 4,000 people last night attended the opening event of the 1997 Israel Festival. Jerusalem, a performance of Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake by the legendary Kirov Ballet of St. Petersburg. It's the first time the company has visited Israel. The thrilled audience included Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert and Foreign Minister David

Journalist: Ne'eman illegally raised funds for Netanyahu

By BATSHEVA TSUR

New information allegedly ties attorney Ya'aeov Ne'eman's election fundraising activities to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's decision to appoint him justice minister, according to a petition to the High Court of Justice.

Journalist Yoav Yitzhak yesterday asked the court to prevent Ne'eman's reappointment, saying that be has proof that Netanyahu was indebted to Ne'eman for having illegally raised NIS 1.6 million for his election campaign.

The ease dates back to June 1996 when, on the eve of the cabinet's formation. Yitzhak petitioned the court to prevent to other claims in his reply to the Ne'eman from being appointed court. Bazak told Israel Radio.

a minister on the grounds that he had been involved in fraudulent activities. At that time, the court heard the part of the petition dealing with the Deri affair.

But Yitzhak yesterday submitred additional material relating to his claim that Ne'eman should not be a minister. He charged that Ne'eman, who administered donations to the non-profit Security Forum for National Strength, had illegally funneled the monies Netanyaha's campaign.

Ne'eman, who is abroad, was not available for comment. Netanyahu's spokeman Shai Buzak said, however, that Ne eman

was appointed on his merits. "The prime minister will relate

Betar Jerusalem tax probe widens

By ORI LEWIS

The Income Tax Authority probe into alleged improprieties by players of National League champions Betar Jerusalem continued yesterday when club cap-tain Eli Ohana and chairman Moshe Dadash were questioned.

The investigation took on broader proportions with the arrest and release on NIS 500,000 bail vesterday of former Betar goalkeeper and coach Yossi Miztahi, Mizrahi, now coach of Hapoel Jerusalem, was barred from leaving the country for six months.

Two retired Betar players, Udi Ashash and Meir Kadosh, were also questioned and released on bail yesterday after being arrested on similar charges.

Ohana and Dadash were questioned for four hours yesterday concerning claims the club and Ohana failed to declare extra income and perks. Their interrogation is due to continue today at the authority's offices in Hojos.

Ohana did not seem worried by the probe. "This is all just a big misunderstanding. The tax men are doing their job, but the whole matter will be cleared up soon," the Betar star said.

Last week, another Betar player, Ronnen Harazi, was questioned and released on ball, lollowing alleged failure to declare millionic and perks. Harazi was also barred from leaving the country. That bun was lifted yesterday for a month, clearing the way for the striker to travel to Moscow for the national squad's World Cup qualifying match with Russia on lune 8.

Betar chairman Dadash and the club's general manager. Avraham Levy have stated on several occasions during the last week that the club was responsible for taking care of the play-

MKs call for halt to peace process

NEWS

MKs from the Land of Israel Front yestenlay demanded that the continuation of the peace process be made conditional on the Palestinian Authority revoking its death sen-

tence for selling land to Jews.

MK Michael Kleiner (Gestier) called the law "racist" and said the from has decided to take a number of steps to protect Israeli Arabs under threat, while lobbying abroad and at home to create pressure which could bring about the law s cancellation. At a press conference on Tuesday, Palestinian Authority Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein said that Israeli Arabs who sell land to Jews would be dealt with.

The members of the front began circulating a petition in the Knewet

asking MKs, and the Arab ones in particular, to denounce the PA law. They also have asked Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon to mobilize other parliaments to pressure the

Palestinians into rescinding the law.
Kleiner said he asked Justice
Minister Tzahi Hanegbi and
Anomey General Elyakim Rubinstein to examine the possibility of taking steps against Abu Medein, including rescinding his VIP permut and asking the PA to remove him from his position.

"That a member of the Palestinian Authority can say that Israeli Arabs. who make up almost 20 percent of the population, face the death penalty for selling land in Tel Aviv. Haifa, Ramle or elsewhere to Jews is an obvious deviation from international law and the framework of the law." Kleiner said. "I have no doubt that if such a threat was made against US citizens, the US would immediately respond."

He also noted that Arab newspapers had refused to publish a paid advertisement announcing the hot line the front is operating with the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea. Samaria and Gaza for those who feel under threat because of land sales.

Hashem Mahameed (Hadash) yesterday also condemned Abu Medein's statements, saying he had no right to tell Israeli Arabs how to behave.

On another issue, the Front members voiced their support of a bill by MK Benny Elon (Moledet) which would apply fsraeli law to the Jewish communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Levy: Iran poll could affect region

By LLAT COLLINS

Foreign Minister David Levy said vesterday the results of the Iranian elections last week could affect the whole region. But no changes in Teheran's foreign policy are likely to take place immediately.

Levy, answering two motions to the agenda by Alexander Lubotzky (Third Way) and Haggai Merom (Labor), said foreign relations did not play a central role in the Iranian elections. but it is possible the US policy of restraint played a role in the choice of president there. Levy stressed, however, that the change stemmed primarily from domestic considerations.

Levy said Israel had never "seen Iran as an enemy or a target. We would be happy to see Iran join a regional effort to

reduce tension," said Levy. He accused the Iranian regime of encouraging and aiding terror, and even warned that it could face the same fate as Iraq. He said the West is likely to form an international coalition against Iran, like that against Iraq.

"As long as the Iranian regime continues its policy of negating human rights, of terror, torpedoing the peace process, and attempts to arm itself with weapons of mass destruction, Iran cannot expect cooperation in every field," Levy said.

He also called for Iran to help locate missing navigator Ron Arad. In answer to motions to the agenda by Moshe Shahal (Labor) and Silvan Shalom (Likud) on Tuesday's Sharm e-Sheikh conference, Levy said the opposition is not acting fairly

SLA soldier wounded

By DAYID RUDGE

A South Lebanese Army soldier was lightly wounded in fighting in the security zone yesterday moming as the recent wave of attacks by Hizbullah continued. The soldier was wounded during

a long-range mortar attack on a SLA stronghold in the Barasheet region, in the zone's western sector. Reports from Lebanon said a number of rounds hit the post and the soldier apparently was wounded from shrapnel. He was taken to a hospital in nearby Bint I bail.

Around the same time, Hizbullah gunnien fired a number of Sagger anti-tank nussiles 4: a SLA armored vehicle that was in the vicinity. There were no casualties in the attack, although the vehicle itself, reported to be an armored personnel carrier, was damaged. IDF gunners returned fire.

In the afternoon, another SLA outpost, in the Jezzine enciave north of the security zone also cante under mortar fire, sparking another exchange of fire. There were no casualties in that incident.

There have been reports that Hizbullah leaders recently met with fran's ambassador in Lebanon to discuss the overwhelming victory of moderate cleric Mohanimed Khatami in Iran's recent presidential elections.

Lebanese observers do not expect the outcome of the vote to have any effect on tran's continued financial and nalitary support for Hizbullah, at least toll in the

Hizbullah's primary supporter and its ideological menter is reported to be frun's sugrente spiritual leader Acatoliah Ali Khamenei, who will continue to wield power even after Khatama officially takes office in the com-

Hizballah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah has sent a message of congratulations to Khatami, According to observers. Khatami is likely to adopt the same approach to Hubbillah 25 potgoing President Hasham: Rafsanjani

himself a supporter of Nasrallen.

Meanwhile, shooting broke out
on Wednesday in a Palestinian
camp near the south Lebanon port city of Tyre after two men were hun in fichte between med fections, security sources said

The shooting commuted for two hours in Bass curry at the southern entrance of Type but there was no immediate report of casualities, the sources said.

They were not able to identify the combatants, but said the shooting followed fights with firs and knives at the camp or Tuesday evening between members of the Moslem fundamentalist Ansarollah Supplier of Gods and a pro-Synen group named Sae'qa (Thunder)



Tzurif gang's captors honored

OC Judea and Samuria Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ophir (right) awards a certificate of appreciation yesterday to Etzion Brigade commander Col. A. who accepts on behalf of his troops. Soldiers, border policemen, police, and General Security Service personnel received certificates for helping to uncover the Hamas terrorist gang in Kafr Tzurif and finding soldier Sharon Edri's body there in April.

Kuttab relishes freedom

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Palestintan journalist Daoud Runab, 42, was content to spend his three day or recedons at home with his wife and entidien yesterday, in between press conferences in Ramaltah and eastern Jerusalem. where he described his ordeal.

"Nothing comes on a silver platter - I hope to succeed in the bat tle." he wid.

Kunab, a US citizen who also holds a Jerusalem identity tard. was arrested a week ago after broadcasting sessions of the

Palestinian Legislative Council on his television channel. He was freed Tuesday night.

During the weeklong ordeal, Kutlab spent live days on hunger strike at the Ramallah jail. The last three days were spent in solitary confinement.

During the entire period, he said, he was never questioned by police. "The first two days I was allowed visits by my family and lawyers, but then the visits were suddenly out off," he said, adding that his lawyers were at a loss, because no

formal charges were pressed.

"The worst part was being away from my family," he said.
"The chief of police at the station told me be had received orders

from someone bigh up in the Authority. He was uncomfortable with the whole episode," he said.

Two things came out of my arrest - indirectly the Palestinian Authority has raised the whole issue of the public's right to know about what is discussed in the legislative sessions. Even today the Legislative Council discussed my arrest and members demanded an investigation be carried out and also called for the sessions to be broadcasted. Let's just bope they act on their words," he said.

He noted that Al-Quds newspa-

per and Palestinian Anthority television never published or broad-

cast anything about his arrest.

Kuttab, who is director of the Institute of Modern Media at Al-Quds University and co-director of Journalists Middle East, a nonprofit organization that defends freedom of expression, is planning a big celebration for his friends and supporters at his home near Atarot in northern Jerusalem on Saturday.

Knesset to discuss Conversion Law

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset Law Committee is scheduled to discuss the centimied passage of the Conversion Law on Wednesday, with the agreement of Prime Minister Binyamin Nethnyahu. This was decided at a meeting between MKs from the religious parties and the premier last night. Netanyaha, however, aread the MKs to explore possible solutions to avoid creating a division between Israel and

Law Committee Chairman Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party) and he is willing to explore the possibility of a compromise including the suggestion by MK Alex Lubotaky (Third Way) that air converts would be listed as Jewish in their identity cards and the type of conversion - Orthodox, Conservative or Reform - would be listed in the Population Registry.
Shas leader Arveh Deri reportedly supports

this solution; NRP faction chairman Hanan Porat opposes it; and Yahalom said he would discuss it with rabbinic authorities. The coalition also continued with their dis-

cussion on the bill yesterday spurred by the fact that the Conservative and Reform movements have not frozen their High Court petitions on the issue. The religious parties are concerned by the demand by the High Court that the Knesset make a decision on the issue by June 30. Unless the judicial proceedings are frozen, the legislation must be ready by that date, said Coulition and Likud faction chairman

Michael Eitan has criticized the Reform and Conservative movements for not withdrawing their high court pentions to recognize conversions carned out by them in Israel. But he

stressed that the discussions would be on the more narrow version of the bill which would in effect anchor in law the current status quo under which Israel recognizes non-orthodox conversions performed abroad but not those carried out here.

The bill passed first reading at the end of March, before the spring recess, after Eitan promised that the legislation would then be frozen as long as the Reform and ::
Conservative Jews suspended their court actions. He also noted the bill is included in the coalition agreement.

Meanwhile, Meretz leader Yossi Sarid yes-

terday called on Reform and Conservative Jews to boycott Netanyahu and his coalition partners. "Netanyahu again gave preference to his black coalition," Sarid said. He said Netanyahu had lied when he agreed to freeze the legislation after first reading.

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A senior El Al executivo said the commons has set to held the recommendations, but it is good. news it the government does pash ahead with the sale However, he remained sapprical of the government's ability to

implement the sale. "It's like being a member of Labarita libe Hassidic week. We'll only be privatized after the coming of the Messiah," he

The eselutive said he also is proceed that the public would not want to be a hardy in a combuny that only operates fiveabout security coup the firm is a undsashed days a week.

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Ministry sources pointed to the imprepriety of the appointment of Davis, who until recently was one of APAC's senior activists, as a senior Israeli diplomat in Washington. The sources noted that AIPAC took great pains to present itself as an independent American lobby totally detached

from the Israeli government. Davis's appointment would damage this image and present AIPAC as a branch of the government, an embarrassing situation especially after the Pollard affair.

the sources said. Hillel Kuttler adds from Washington

AIPAC officials angrily denounced what they called Ma'any's shouldy reporting over

the weekend, that alleged the organization's leaders had urged the Prime Minister's Office to rescind Davis's appointment. The officials said AIPAC not only never contacted the office before or after the announcement, but that they had been surprised to

hear of the appointment They unarumously praised their former colleague as an excellent bridge between the two countries and welcomed the news. AIPAC is incensed most by the

paper's suggestion that Davis's arrival would be worrisome, because of potential associations with convicted spy Jonathan Pollard, with one official calling it "such garbage" and another "com-

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plete fiction." "It's a challenge, but it's not a big deal. It's just something we have to be careful about," he said.

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Maryam Banah sits with a child on the rubble of her partly demolished bouse in Silwan yesterday.

Silwan demolition halted by court

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

The demolition of an illegally constructed house in Jerusalem's - receiving the necessary court yesterday, hut the city says it will continue to knock down illegally built houses wherever in the city they are constructed.

It shows that we will continue to knock down these illegal houses the moment that we have permission from the court," said Haggai Elias, spokesman for the mayor. "Two days ago we destroyed a house in Ramot."

Elias said the city began tearing down the 180-square-meter house about 8 a.m. yesterday, after n brought a temporary halt order from the court that is in

effect until noon today. Yesterday's demolition came two days after it was reported that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu wanted to freeze the demolition of illegal buildings in eastern Jerusalem. Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert told The Jerusalem Post that the issue of illegal housing in Jerusalem was not under the prime minister's jurisdiction. "This is not Netanyahu's author-

ity, it's my authority, and I didn't decide to do it." Olmert said. Silwan neighborhood was tem- approval. The owner of the house Elias said there are hundreds of illegal constructions presently the subject of court actions. "The moment we have the approval of the court, we'll go out [and knock them down]," he said,

"It could be any day." He said the city followed standard procedure, allowing tenants 48 hours after the court order to leave the house. In yesterday's episode, Elias said, the owner didn't petition the court until after the 48 hours.

Carmelit manager arrested

Haifa deputy mayor forced to resign in separate case

By DAVID RUDGE and Itim

The general manager of Haifa's Carmelit underground funicular, Dan Fishman, was remanded for 24 hours yesterday after being arrested the previous night at Ben-Gurion Airport while trying to leave the country.

He afterwards complained of feeling unwell and was admitted to Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

Fishman was suspended hy Mayor Amram Mitzna earlier this week, after alleged financial irregularities were discovered by the accountant of the Carmelit company when he conducted a surprise audit.

Carmelit board chairman Avi

Goldhammer has filed a complaint who mortgaged their home to with police alleging that Fishman embezzled some NIS 400,000

from the company, by submitting fictitious bills and then paying the money into his own pocket. in another case of alleged corruption in Haifa, Deputy Mayor tion was concluded. Pinhas Narkis resigned yesterday following a series of complaints filed with the police fraud squad

Narkis bas also been named in several civil suits filed with the Haifa District Court claiming the return of hundreds of thousands of shekels. Among the plaintiffs are Narkis's sister and brother-in-law,

accusing him of defrauding on

personal loans and embezzling

guarantee some of his loans.

Some of those owed money by Narkis recently began demonstrating outside city council meetings, but Mayor Mitzna bad reportedly refrained from demanding his resignation until the police investiga-

Yesterday, bowever, Narkis handed Mitzna a letter of resigoation, protesting his innocence and claiming he was being subject to a "trial by the press." In his letter Narkis also praised the mayor for "not being swept up" in the "wild mood of judgment" against him and for treating bim with respect, something "I will

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Eskin convicted of incitement

News agencies

Avigdor Eskin, who put a curse on prime minister Yitzhak Rahin a month before he was assassinated, was convicted in Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesierday of violating the Prevention of Terrorism Act. Eskin is to be sentenced on

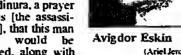
The Justice Ministry said he could receive a maximum sentence of six years.

The conviction relates to the interview he gave on television about the pulsa dinura [curse] succeeding," court spokesman Moshe Gorali said.

Channel 1 after the assassination, Eskin said, "On the Eve of Yom Kippur we went

Yitzhak Rabin with a prayer composed by three kabbalists and that prayer was the pulsa dinura, a prayer nation], that this man would would be removed, along with

his evil deeds, from wicked man ... to kill him ... for



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When the interviewer asked Eskin if his prayer had been accepted, Eskin replied. "Completely. ... 1'm not sorry about the death of Rabin."

Judge Bilha Kahane said in giving her verdict that Eskin's statements, given their timing and context, were liable to have inspired acts of violence, or even have

caused injury or death. Eskin also was charged with organizing a ceremony last February to pronounce a pulsa dinura against Labor leader Shimon Peres. Another charge related to an anempt to celebrate

6 Iraqi asylum-seekers escape expulsion

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The UN High Commussioner for Refugees is cooperating with the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) to find a country that will accept six Iraqis who sought asylum in Israel three years

ago and have been held in jail since then. The High Court of Justice yesterday ruled the six could not be expelled to another country without the knowledge and agreement of that country, upholding a request included in a petition submitted by ACRI,

However, Justices Aharon Barak, Dalia Dorner and Yitzhak Zamir did not accede to

another ACRI request that the six be freed, saving the Iraqis would have to remain in detention for the sake of state security. At the same time, the justices asked that the government continue its search for a country that would be willing to accept the six.

Advocate Moshe Cohen, who represented the lragi citizens on behalf of ACRI, said later that negotiations were underway with "a certain country" that would be willing to accept the six. Cohen expressed satisfaction that the court upheld the request not to expel them to a country which borders Israel and where their lives could have been in danger.

Following the ruling, one of the six men asked the court's permission to make a statement. Speaking in Hebrew, he said: "We have done nothing. We are not dangerous. You do not know what the Iraqi regime is like and what it is like to live in Iraq. We just want to live like human beings and to receive human rights. If we are expelled to Jordan or Lebanon, they will definitely send us back to Iraq and there they

The court noted that the government had no intention of expelling the men to a country that did not agree to receive them and that it would inform the petitioners if there was any change.

AT THE KNESSET

Bill aims to stop AIDS discrimination

By LIAT COLLINS

A hill that would target the discrimination of AIDS victims passed preliminary reading yesterday by a

unanimous vote of 17 MKs. The bill, sponsored by Naomi Blumeothal (Likud), would har employers from firing workers because they have AIDS; prevent school principals from taking chil-dren with AIDS out of classes; require health funds to provide all available treatment to AIDS sufferers; and han doctors from refus-

ing to treat AIDS patients. Blumeothal stressed the law would reduce the number of carriers of the HIV virus who are "in hiding" and help prevent the spread of the disease.

Inon Schenkar of the Jerusalem AIDS Project praised the hill as of the most enlightened countries Some 1,000 people have been Ministry present the committee bers and addresses.

in its treatment of AIDS victims."

Panel prepares final reading for Prisoners of Zion bill

Noami Blumenthal (Likud), who chairs the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee, said yesterday the committee will act to prepare for final reading a bill granting compensation to former Prisoners of Zion and their families. She said she hoped the hill could become law in time for the 1998 budget. The hill was brought by Emanuel Zissman (Third Way)

in the last Knesser. Former Prisoner of Zion Ida Nudel told the committee yesterday: "The time has come to grant us the respect we deserve, in more than just words."

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unnecessarily hospitalized in psychiatric homes for several years, according to MK Yooa Yahav (Labor), who raised the issue as a parliamentary question. Yahav said they included Holocaust survivors, the elderly, and some homeless people.

He said the figure was verified by Deputy Health Minister Shlomo Benizri (Shas) in answer

Yahav is demanding the mioistry publish a schedule for its investigation into who is hospitalized in psychiatric facilities and the release of those whose stay cannot be justified.

Study demanded on

school payments Knesset Education Committee yesierday demanded ·

with a detailed schedule of cuts in the amounts parents are asked to pay for school activities.

The committee, chaired hy Emanuel Zissman (Third Way), rejected the proposals for parental payments next year, because it did not relate to a previous decision to gradually phase out the payments.

New guide to the Knesset For the first time, a hook containing compreheosive information about the Knesset, MKs, and ministries has been puhlished, hased oo the format of the guide to the US Congress. The Guide to the Knesset and Government," published by Policy, a Tel Aviv-based political communications and management company, includes a short profile of individual MKs and

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THE HAGUE - US President Bill Clinton urged western private investors yesterday to pump more money into former communist states in eastern Europe following billions of dollars already provided by the west.

"I think that most of what still needs to be done is accelerate the pace of private investment, and it's very different in different countries," he said at an EU-US summit.

Clinton was in The Hague for a twice-yearly summit with the European Union before taking part in celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan, which transferred more than \$12 billion in aid to Western Europe after World War Two.

A European Unioo summit in Amsterdam next month is expecied to agree internal reforms paving the way for an invitation to a dozen ex-communist states, barred from receiving Marshall aid 50 years ago, to join the Union over the next 10 years.

"America salutes the EU's commitment to expand to central and eastern Europe," Clinton told leaders of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in The Hague.
"We strongly support this historic process and believe it should move

ahead swiftly. A more prosperous Europe will be a stronger Europe and also a stronger partner for Europe's north American friends, America and Canada," he said.

The European and North American leaders met in the Dutch seat of government to commemorate the plan, proposed to 1947 by Secretary of State George Marshall and widely credited with jump-starting Europe's shattered

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"In today's dollars the value of the Marshall Plan investments in Europe was about \$88 billion. We have seen the international financial institutions commit about \$50 billion already to the former Communist countries, plus about \$45 billion in private investment," Clinton said.

He added that work needed to be done with individual countries in answering journalists' questions on whether the United States was for eastern Europe.

Problems at home

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HONOLULU (AP) - The millionaire pilot trying to complete Amelia Earhart's last flight took off on the final - and longest - leg of her globe-circling journey.

About 15 supporters yelled "Aloha" as Linda Finch flew out under sunny skies and light sea breezes for the 15.5-hour flight to Oakland, California, where she began her journey March 17.

I'm so close to home. Amelia must have been so disappointed, she got so close," Finch said sbortly before takeoff from Hooolulu disappeared on her way to Howland Island in the South Pacific on July 2, 1937. She said the trip's final leg is the most dan-

International Airport.

Finch was due to complete the nearly 3.840-km trip from Hawaii to California yesterday.

Her plane is the same model Earhart used in ber 1937 ill-fated attempt to circumnavigate the world around its widest point - the

Earhart, who was attempting to become the first persoo to fly "My strongest thought is that around the equator, mysteriously

gerous of her 10-week, 41,600-km voyage because it covers the most distance and her plane is overloaded with fuel. Her twin-engine Lockheed

Electra 10-E aircraft is carrying extra fuel so she won't be left short if she runs into head winds while flying half-way across the

Tail winds were expected to help her make good time "because they kind of push her," said Navy Commander Phil Renaud. "If she were going against head winds, it

Twister kills dozens, sucks up property 'like vacuum'

JARRELL, Texas (AP) -Rescuers crisscrossed swampy fields yesterday looking for nearly two dozen people unaccounted for after a tornado devastated this cen-

tral Texas town, killing at least 27.
The storm leveled about 50 homes and left telephone poles snapped, bits of clothing hanging from fences and a tractor-trailer upside down in a field.

once stood, there was nothing. "It's not there anymore," sher-

iff's deputy R.B. Raby said. The state's deadliest tornadoes in a decade ripped through four counties in central Texas - from Waco to Austin. Jamell, a town of 1,000 about 64 km north of Austin, the state capital, was hit hardest, with the debris so scattered that even compiling a death

toll was difficult yesterday.

Dead cattle lay side-by-side, and a bospital said they had only where the Double Creek Estates 27 bodies from Jarrell. But 23 people were unaccounted

for in Jarrell and five more were missing in Cedar Park, where a grocery store collapsed, injuring at least eight people.

At daybreak, up to 150 rescue workers began slogging through fields with water up to knee-deep to look for body parts or survivors around Jarrell.

Stunned residents covered in mud wandered around in the rain, Yesterday the medical examiner crying and consoling each other.



troops who confiscated journalists' film of the event. The government of Laurent Kabila has banned demonstrations and political activity.

Kabila's soldiers break up opposition march

KINSHASA – Soldiers broke up banned opposition march in Kinshasa yesterday, on the eve of aureot Kabila's inauguration as president of the Democratic Republic of Congo, his new name for Zaire.

Several thousand supporters of veteran opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi took part in the march, denouncing the presence of Rwandans among Kabila's forces who marched into Kinshasa on May 17 to oust veteran dictator Mobutu Sese Seko.

Soldiers from Kabila's Alliance allowed the march to go ahead after initial besitation but dispersed the protesters later, firing in the air and beating them with batons and rifle botts.

Organizers of yesterday's march said the self-proclaimed president and his ruling alliance are no better than the nearly 32-year dicta-torship they deposed. State-run radio said Kabila would be sworn into office today at the People's Palace, where parliament meets.

They claim to be liberators, but it is as if they have taken us from one prison cell to another prison said Raymond Kahungu Mbemba, a leader of the youth movement of the opposition Union for Democracy and Social Progress. "We cannot accept that." But Foreign Minister Bizima Karaha defended the bard-line stand of the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo against opposition groups.

"We cannot have democracy if there is no peace," he said. "We cannot have development if there is oo peace, so anybody who wants to create instability is an enemy of democracy, is an enemy of development, is an enemy of

progressive forces." Congo's 46 million people "want food, they want medicine, they want to go to school. They won't achieve that by creating chaos," he said. The Alliance announced a ban

on public meetings and protests Monday and warned that violators would be considered "enemies of the liberation of the Congolese people and be punished to the fullest extent of the law." The ban was the latest restrictive policy by Kabila since his fighters seized Kinshasa May 17, ending

Mobutu Sese Seko's dictatorship. Kabila banned political parties outright in some parts of Congo during his eight-month sweep across the country. South Africa's President Nelson Mandela, who unsuccessfully tried to arrange a peace settlement

between Kabila and Mobutu, said

the new government's policies

"I think that dealing with a country which has been under dictatorship for more than three decades, it is quite reasonable for him to ensure that law and order is stabilized before he can say 'I want all political parties to func-tion." Mandela said in Cape

Two visiting US congressmen, Donald Payne and Tom Campbell. agreed. "It is not inappropriate in a tense time for a government to insist on a period of calm," said Campbell, a Republican from California.

"For 32 years you had a persoo who reigned and robbed and stole," said Payne, a Democrat from New Jersey, "In one month, people are expecting miracles, 1 don't think it's unreasonable for the government to say at the present time we should have a suspension temporarily on demonstrations.

Chirac warns of risks, French left eyes power

loss of his parliamentary majority, the enthusiasm. President Jacques Chirac stepped up his offensive yesterday by saying a leftist victory in this weekend's runoff could be dangerous to France.

Meanwhile, the stock market slid on fears the left will win Sunday's elections, and Chirac's allies sought to soften their line on austerity aimed at European integration.

On the left, which won a majority of votes in last Sunday's first round amid anger over record 12.8 percent unemployment, Socialist leader Lionel Jospin insisted he can form a cohesive coalition despite differences with the Communists.

Chirac spoke again yesterday after making a Tuesday night

PARIS - Threatened with the address to the nation that drew lit- that Socialism would be an open centre-right majority, and holding

"France cannot change course at just anytime without taking serious risks," Chirac said in a statement. "A change of direction would steer inevitably toward confusioo and a

weakening of our country."

Chirac told his cabinet that the work done by outgoing Prime Minister Alain Juppe, who has announced he will resign whatever the election outcome, had enabled the country to face the next stage of its development "in good conditions."

An emotional Juppe later told a rally in Bordeaux, the southwestem city where he serves as mayor, that he would continue to fight for a center-right victory.

"Convince your fellow citizens

said to warm applause. Seeking to lure back disenchant-

ed voters, Chirac told bis television audience he had heard their message but urged them not to return to "the socialist ideas of yesteryear." Most analysts said his appeal was a feeble, rather than dramatic, attempt to give his government a new lease on life.

"Is that all there is?" beadlined the daily France-Soir over a pic-ture of Chirac in a Superman

What the president desperately needs is a friendly parliament for the final five years of his seven-

year presidential term. His gamble of dissolving the National Assembly, with its strong

road to decadence in France," he an election nearly 10 months early to strengthen his hand as France heads into European monetary union, has olready gone badly

"Let us take care not to compromise everything at the moment when we are reaping the first fruits of our efforts. Chirae said in his

televised speech.
"Chirac: The Untraceable Elan" quipped the front page of the leftist daily Liberation. The president

called for a "new clan" when he first called the elections. Chirac sought a mandate to forge

ahead with austerity and free-market reforms aimed at preparing France for the curo, the single European currency planned for (Agencies)



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A 30-ml. bottle of Yves Saint Laurent's Yvresse retails at NIS 179.

Scentral themes

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

otwithstanding the fact that all public buildings and most workplaces in Israel are air-conditioned, the onset of summer makes us doubly conscious of the need to use deodorants, moisturizers, body lotions, colognes and other fragrances and skin protectors.

One of the significant changes in Israel as we approach the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the state is that boarding a bus in summer is no longer a nauseating experience. Instead of being assailed by a blast of collective body odors, we experience a variely of pleasant aromas emanating

from both men and women. A lot of the credit for this can be attributed to commercial television and bus-stop posters which spell out the message that one's sex appeal has a lot to do with the way one smells.

Also, the huge influx of imported cosmetic products and the tempting availability of testers have proved too much for most Israelis 10 resist

Fragrances are increasingly carrying the signatures of big-name fashion designers even though none of these designers dream up the actual formula. But they do have some idea of what they want and the perfume makers follow through accordingly. Thus it comes as no surprise that many of the summer scents have a slight or sometimes distinctive - citrus flavor to accentuate the citrus colors which dominate the summer

fashion palette. Issey Miyake's L'Eau D'Issey toilet waters have always had a hint of citrus. Aware that women want a small, slim phial of per-fume to put into their purses, Miyake is marketing a five-in-one, which consists of a slim purse spray plus four refills.

Fellow Japanese designer Yohji Yamamoto has launched his first signature perfume, sold in a long, candle-shaped bottle. Sensual and subtle, its dominant notes are vanilla, sandalwood musk, azalea and coumerin. The price for a 15ml bottle of perfume is NIS 489. which is why a 50-ml bottle of Eau de Toilette is a much better investment at NIS 229.

If Yvresse is familiar on first sniff, it's because it is actually a year-old product under a new name, When Yves Saint Laurent introduced Champagne some 12 months ago, the producers of the French effervescent brew were so cheesed off that they took him to court and won their case. Unable to call his new fragrance Champagne, Saint Laurent settled for something based on his own name. Its slightly acidic fruit-andflower fragrance is evocative of an orchard at night. A 30-ml bottle of

Eau de Toilenc retails at NIS 179. Now saturating the European market with clothes and cosmetics, Calvin Klein is scentering on Israel as well, and his cK. Eau de Toilette in its solid black masculine bottle has a fresh, tangy, sweetish scent not unlike that of aftershave, but not as strong. It's supposed to be a unisex fragrance and sells for NIS 145 for 100 ml. A really good out is Louishi by Jade. Sophisticated with that certain cachet one associates with quiet luxury, it is not too heavy, yet has a lingering presence and is attractively priced at NIS 105 for a 100-ml bottle of toilet water.

Tips on duty-free shopping:

Grab the cheese, skip the llama fat

By DANIEL ROGOY

onsidering that within the next three months, an estimated 27 percent of the population of the country will be traveling abroad, this is as good a time as any to respond to the many readers who have asked about food- and winebuying at duty-free shops in airports around the world.

There are certain dangers in such shopping. The wines sold in duty-free shops have often been stored under far-from-ideal conditions, many truly inferior food items sold are displayed only to capitalize on the naivete of many tourists, and some of the cigars and cigarettes offered have been kept in everheated warehouses so long that they are dry and tasteless by the time they are sold. Even worse, dutyfree prices are sometimes even higher than the prices in the stores of whatever cities we

have been visiting. Despite these potential drawbacks, there are good gastro-nomic buys to be found both at the duty-free shops and delicatesseus at international airports. Following are a few hims on what to buy and what to avoid in such airports.

BEST BUYS

Israel, Ben-Gurion: The walkin cigar humidor has a worldclass selection of cigars. Prices of cigars from Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Holland are among the most reasonable you will find. (Bnv before you take your flight and pick up your purchases on return.)

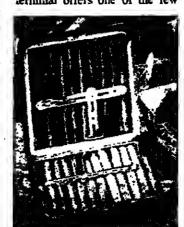
IN EUROPE

Paris, Charles de Gaulle: At the shops of Androuet-Faugeron you will find an extraordinarily good selection of dried mushrooms as well as a superb collection of classic French cheeses, all at reasonable

London, Heathrow; Berry Brothers and Rudd, one of the finest wine dealers in the world, has an airport shop here, and its Parmesan

wines have been stored in ideal

Athens: The delicatessen shop in the international departure terminal offers one of the few



Cigars: a great buy at Ben-Gurion Airport: outrageously priced at JFK, New York.

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BY RUTHIE BLUM

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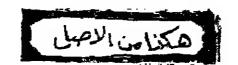
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Powder keg of corruption

It is no secret that the mood among the Palestinian population these days is in gen-Leral somber, perhaps even bordering on hopelessness. There has been ample documentation in the Israeli press of the growing despair evinced in the streets of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, in sharp contrast to the opomism of the immediate post-Oslo signing period, along with the attendant threat that this despair could easily turn to anger directed against Israel.

Most of the Israeli media reporting on this issue have usually connected the Palestinian public's mood to Israeli actions, such as huilding on Har Homa, expanding settlements, and the impositions of closure on the territories of the Palestinian Authority. There is no doubt that these actions are not popular with the Palestinians, but it is only recently that some attention has been given to what is the true source of Palestinian frustration and the main topic of concern on the streets of Gaza. Ramallah, and Hebron: the growing proportions of corruption in the PA and the monopolistic economy of nepotism and racketeering which has characterized the PA since Chairman Yasser Arafat arrived in Gaza from Tunis.

It is virtually impossible to find a Palestinian who will fully admit this for the record. But when the television cameras have been turned off, and the tape recorders have been put away, Palestinian sources will admit the corruption has reached such proportions that the only way to describe what is bappening is to say that Arafat is simply robhing his people in order to enrich a small group of well-connected hureau-

Some of the facts have been revealed by the media and others in a report issued hy Palestinian auditor Jarar Kidwa, showing that 37 perceot of the PA's budget has been wasted, some of it going into private accounts instead of the Finance Ministry. Press accounts bave reported oo the lavish lifestyles senior PA officials close to Arafat have been allowing themselves. They can afford it, because only they are permitted to share in the wealth being produced by the Al-Bahr corporation, the main arm of a buge mocopoly operation that bas taken over the real estate, eotertainment, computers, advertising, publishing, and construction industries in the PA, to name only a few.

The Palestinian Legislative Council has beeo making efforts to play the role it was supposed to that of a watchdog reviewing the executive's actions and curbing corruptioo. But it has so far proven to be impotent against Arafat's actions; discussing the issues but unable even to summoo witnesses to testify before it on the extent of the problem. Lately there has been an increase in attempts to prevent the council from expressing its criticisms publicly. The most notorious example of this was the arrest and weeklong detention of Daoud Kuttab, a journalist who dared to broadcast council deliberations on PA corruption.

The monopolistic economy which has developed io the PA has made it an anomaly going against international economic trends. The latter balf of the twentieth century has provided enough examples of economically winning and losing countries for a consensus to have developed on the proper prescription for "jump-starting" poor economies. This prescriptioo includes a competitive market economy, honest accountability at the government level, and investment in human capital through education and health. Disparate countries from Chile to Uganda have been successfully applying this formula.

But the PA has gone the other way - ignoring the laws of economics - and the result has been the impoverishment of the Palestinian economy. casual observer in Gaza or Ramallah might think otherwise, noting a large increase in constructioo, hut the local residents know better: the new huildings are being built for the benefit of the very small class of well-connected people who have made themselves tremendously wealthy. The statistical confirmation of this came in a receot UN survey, which concluded that per capita income in Gaza bas fallen hy as much as 39 perceot since Oslo.

When the Oslo accord was signed in 1993, the authors of the agreement stressed that one of its main components was that it would bring economic relief to the Palestinian territories, by connecting the Palestinian Authority to a "New Middle East" and a growing global economy. A wealthier Palestinian population, it was argued, would be less likely to support armed terrorist actions. By this standard, the Oslo process bas failed to produce what it promised.

Many Palestinians have taken to blaming Israel and other countries for helping Arafat to sustain his regime. British Minister of State Derek Fatchett, on a one day fact-finding mission, stated earlier this week that the Palestinian Authority must improve its financial accountability. This refrain bas been repeated since the World Bank's original plan for the PA's economic growth stressed "transparency and accouotability." Yet the truth is that the EU bas consisteotly backed down from demanding that Arafat meet these standards, continuing to supply donor funds despite the obvious corruption. Wheo put to the test, European statements on Palestinian financial accountability bave remained empty words.

As for Israel, it is by now well-known that the government is depositing money collected in taxes for the Palestinian Authority directly into a private account being kept by Arafat. At the same time, the government, which came into office critical of the Oslo agreements, lacks any strategic conception of where it wants to go in the peace process. Thus by default, it is falling into a pattern of sustaining Arafat's corruption oo a day-to-day basis, while frustration is building into a powder keg in the Gaza Strip and the



Court of corruption

sraeli dignitaries have been queuing up to court Yasser Arafat, myth-maker and manipulator supreme. They come flocking to impress upon him almost beg - that he should be "reasonable" in the quest for

But like a cat playing with a mouse, mouthing lies as truth, Arafat outmaneuvers them all as be struts the world stage winning the battle of psychological warfare hands down.

Back home, the eyes of Israeli poliocians open wide in astonishment, eveo as they swallow Arafat's words hook, line and

There was such a moment last Friday night on TV's Channel 2. when listeners were presented with the sensational "scoop" revealed to Gesher's Maxim Levy and three other MKs - Yehuda Lankri, also from Gesher, the Third Way's Emanuel Zissman and Roman Bronfman from Yisrael Ba'Aliya - who had been allowed into Arafat's regal presence in the Gaza Strip,

Twenty years ago, Arafat told them, when Menachem Begin was negotiating with Anwar Sadat over Sinai, he assured the Egyptian leader that he would support Arafat in creating a Palestinian state.

What was the purpose of this revelation now, pulled out of the hat for the first time io two decades?

Arafat's timing was brilliant - the eve of the summit meeting between Binyamin Netanyahu and Hosni Mubarak at Sharm e-Sheikh.

The not-so-subtle message? "If Begin, the great Likud leader, was state, why shouldn't Netanyahu be ready?"

Knowing how prone our prime minister is to caving into Muharak-Arafat demands, this was a cunning ploy, designed to apply just a little more pressure on the Israeli premier with the aim of squeezing out yet another

Did Begin promise Arafat a Palestinian state via Sadar?

Shmuel Katz, who worked hand-in-hand with Begin for many years, says: "Begin would never have done any such thing. The only time anyone even dared **DENNIS EISENBERG**

ggest such an idea to him was in 1977, when a journalist asked if he would consider negotiating with Arafat, or even meeting him.

"Replied a shocked Begin: 'Me oegooate, even talk to Arafat? What - are you asking me to commit suicide?'" Adds Yehiel Kadishai, Begin's most trusted aide: "My first reaction was to call Arafat a pathological liar. But he's worse.

The huzpa of it! What man with a scrap of honor puts false words into the mouths of the dead, knowing that they are gross falsehoods?"

We are amazed that out of four MKs, not even one thought to tell Arafat that Begin surely would never have promised something so totally alien to his way of

They might also have challenged the PLO chief: "Why did-n't you seize Begin's offer with

Lying, cheating. torture, murder these are the hallmarks of Arafat's regime

both hands?"

Lies are one thing; they are, after all, the stock-io-trade of many poliocians. But Arafat doesn't stop at lies. As head of the PLO in the past he ordered the slaying of hundreds of civilians,

And in March, Prime Minister Netanyahu warned that Arafat had given terrorists the green light to strike at civilian targets. A few days afterwards, a suicide bomber blew himself up, killing three women in a Tel Aviv cafe.

The tone Arafat has set pervades his entire Palestinian Authority. Lying, cheating, torture, murder these are the hallmarks of his administracion.

RECENT headlines focused on the \$323 million - about 40 percent of the PA's hudget - that has been diverted to the pockets and Arafat's top hrass.

That isn't the worst of it. When Yitzhak Rahin was prime minister, his own security chiefs gave him a full account of the PA's widespread corruption. They told him that the percentage of funds being diverted ioto private Swiss as well as Tel Aviv hanking accounts was very much more than 40 percent.

In addition, hundreds of millions of shekels that Israel has contributed in one form or another to the PA to help create an infrastructure in Gaza and the Arafat-controlled areas have also vanished into thin air. It amounts to a heist that would evoke envy from the Mafia.

Arafat's ruthless, despotic reign over the Palestinians is turning the stomach even of one of his heretofore most enthusiastic champions, Daoud Kuttah.

Kuttab, who is - happily for him - also an American citizen. was one of the driving forces of the intifada. A print and hroadcast journalist, his widely-aired criticism of all matters Israeli was

Yet, knowing the meaning of democracy. Kuttab was outraged by Arafat's riding roughshod over the elected deputies of the Palestinian Legislative Council. When he tried to screen a film

of a council meeting, Arafat banned it. Theo he threw Kuttah into prison. Strong protests from US authorities led to his grudging release after a week.

The greatest irony of all is that Arafat complains persistently about the economic hardship of ordinary Palestinians. Of course he blames Israel for this, and demands that Jerusalem pay everincreasing sums of money into PA

Perhaps he and his privileged huddies might first begin disgorging their plundered loot locked away in private accounts. Then they might start using it for the purpose it was intended - building schools and housing, and providing Palestinians with some basic amenities.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israel Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

Report card

LARRY DERFNER

Infortunately for as democratic state doesn't only run the political affairs of his country; he also, more than anyone else, sets the nation's moral tone, shapes its hunain spirit, By virtue of having been elected, he reflects some dominant characteristics in the people's personality.

Once he takes office, and every. thing he says and does carries such authority, he amplifies those characteristics.

Today, one year after Binyamin Netanyahu was cleeted prime minister, what is the spirit of the Israeli people? What qualities of the national personality has he brought to the lore."

The negative ones. He's a hardcyed individual, and he's helped make us a more hard-eyed peo-

What does he speak to in Israelis? Their hearts? Their hopes? Their better natures? Clearly not.

He speaks to their bellies, their spleens. He's the champion of everybody in this country who has a chip on his shoulder, who wants to ger somebody - get the Arabs, get the Left, get the media, get the "elites."

He gets them, alright. He can't give the people anything good not peace, not hope - but he sure can give hell to the enemy, forcign and domestic. Biht, King of

Remember what he said right after getting elected? "I intend to be prime minister of all the people." Has any body ever aggravat-

A year of Netanyahu. A year of cynicism, terminal suspicion, arrogance and worship of power

ed the divisions in this country so deliberately as he has?

In the last days before the election, he played the race card: "Netanyahu - Good for the Jews." (Subtext: "Shimon Peres -Good for the Arahs.")

After a couple days of being prime minister of all the people, Netanyahu made it clear that he had won the election not by 1 percent, but hy 11 percent. The votes of Israeli Arabs didn't count. A million Arah citizens of Israel disappeared, and they have not been seen or heard from since.

Throughout his campaign, and especially in the decisive debate with Peres, Netanyahu air message at people's fear.

Israelis are afraid to wait at a hus stop, afraid to go anywhere in this country, he said, over and

It worked. But now, as prime minister, he doesn't want to tell Israelis that they're afraid, even when they are, so he aims his message at other nerves in the body politic: Resentment. Paranoia.

The Left is ganging up with the media and the elites against the people, he warns. They're out to get us, he says, they re out to get

Such a harassed, unfairly-victimized fellow is Netanyahu. Likewise his partners - Avigdor Lieberman, Arye Deri, and, if be lasts, Tzahi Haneghi.

Harassed because they're Likud. or because they're Sephardim, or because they're Russian, or because they're religious.

THE prime minister speaks to and for Israelis' self-pity. He's put together a broad popular coalition of grudge-bearers, and he leads it along with some of the most pow-erful people in this country.

Netanyahu, Lieberman, Deri, Hanegbi - they're a new breed of leadership: The Oppressed Elite. Netanyahu embodies, and thus encourages, some of the worst features in the Israeli character cynicism, terminal suspicion. агтодапсе, Jewish supremacism,

worship of power, The world is a jungle, he tells us it always has been and always will be. The strong eat the weak. Always expect the worst of people, especially the Arabs.

Remember what Yitzhak Shamir said: "The sea is the same sea, and the Arabs are the same Arabs." Never apologize - what for? - never forgive, and never

After a year of this, is there a dot of idealism left in the country? Is there any hope that our life in this part of the world will change for the better, that we and our neighbors will soften our hearts just a little hit and begin to hreathe freely? Any belief that within Israel, we will become a little more civilized with each other, a little happier?

It's nowhere to be seen. For a year the had blood has been ris-.. ing, and we have three more years of it ahead,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HAREDI BASHING

Sir, - Your recent five-part series on teshuora, written almost entirely from the perspective of Professor Dan Mahler, a leader of the Association to Fight Haredi Domination, represents some of the poorest-quality and biased journalism I have yet to see in my almost 20 years as a professional journalist. This serious and offensive haredibashing only began to make sense in part five, when your readers were informed that, surprise, Mahler himself has a son who became observant 13 years ago, a fact that Mahler admits still "rankles" him today.

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Sir, - As new immigrants from England, one thing in Israel that makes us sad is the widening gap between secular and religious Jews and the way the matter seems to be fanned by the press.

Reading Dan Izenberg's articles on the teshuvo movement was an example of how to promote tension, fear and intolerance. They made us think of the many young Jews in India and Nepal turning to the wisdom of other religions. It reminded us of Jews for Jesus, the drug culture, the parents who sadly lose touch with their children for any one of several reasons.

Postscripts of May 19, "Odd lan-

MOSHE AND RUTH COHN Jerusalem.

Sir, - I was surprised to see that The Jerusalem Post has fallen to

the low level of haredi-bashing. Although this sport is popular amongst other Israeli newspapers, it has always been commendable that the Post refrained from falling to this level.

Your article on the teshuva movement of May 16 made it seem like a dangerous cult which should be avoided at all costs. It is in fact a group of people with a love of both Judaism and the Jewish people who want to hring Jews closer to their roots. They use no coercion and the religion is hy no means

addictive. I feel that your oewspaper did a major injustice to the teshuvo movement with its negative

CHAIM COHN

Jerusalem.

Sir, - How dare you use the word coovert about a hozer betshuva. It is a real insult. Judaism does not look to recruit people. It only looks to help those Jews (read Jews born to a Jewish mother) learn what Judaism is about. Unfortunately, in our secular society of today, Jews do not know who they are or what they represent. It is time to add some hasic Judaism to our

Sir, - Thanks to the activities of the Left, two generations of Israelis know nothing about their roots, their religion, or even the reason for living in this country. That someone is taking the trouble to reverse this trend is

to be applauded, not denigrated.

CONNIE KACENELENBOGEN Holon.

Sir, - The teshuva movement is about a quarter of a century in existence. The series, just published, with its highly slanted direction toward presenting a devastating cult, is a disservice to the tens of thousands of people over the past 25 years who have chosen an observant lifestyle and enjoy successful careers as Torah-true

In my own career of 40 years in the American rabbinate, I created special classes and programs for the parents of children who chose to fill the spiritual void in their lives. Conflicts were dealt with in group sessions and private consultations. Every effort was made to keep the family unit intact. Many parents made mid-life changes and joined their children.

RABBI JAMES I. GORDON Jerusalem.

ATTRIBUTIONS

guage, this English of ours," with Sir, - I have always understood the name "Esther Hecht" in italics that, if a newspaper or any other at the end (presumably the person publication prints a substantial quote from a book (not just a few who submitted it) is lifted from a book by Richard Lederer enotied words or half a sentence), especial-Crazy English published by Pocket ly if that book is copyrighted, the source must be named. Am I Books, first paperback printing 1990, copyrighted 1989, 1990? wrong, or were you simply not EDITH DINAR aware that the entire segment in

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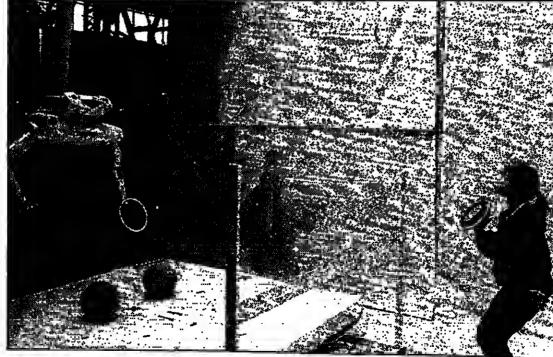
Credit is not due Mr. Lederer, because the material is not his either. These quirks of the language have been accumulating for decades, originating from the pen of none other than the uniquitous

The item was inadvertently attributed to Esther Hecht.

- Ed., Postscripts

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PICTURE POSTSCRIPT RIFKA MONDERER



If Garry Kasparov was looking for a way to relax between chess games with Big Blue, he might bave tried this: robot volleyball. Equipped with two small cameras as eyes, the robot, named 'Tomorrow,' can process 60 images per second. It can perceive and react to object movement, and recognizes humans by face.

POSTSCRIPT

A WEALTHY dentist and his family have been charged after allegedly employing their own personal shoplifter to steal designer clothes and crystal.

Gregory Dick, a prominent 58year-old dentist in Roseville. Minnesota, his wife, soo and daughter were charged with receiving more than \$250,000 in stolen goods over the past few years that included Armani suits, Polo sweaters and Waterford

Police marched into the family's \$450,000 home after arranging a sting operation with suspected shoplifter Gregory Thomas.

37, who had been caught earlier in a department store. Thomas weot to the family's house with \$6,000 worth of merchandise from the store, for

which the family paid him \$800

in cash. Dick's wife responded to the arrest hy saying: "OK, you caught us red-handed, now

Police said the family gave Thomas detailed lists of what they wanted stolen, including clothiog sizes. Thomas pleaded guilty to theft charges. He told police the family had provided him with money for bail after previous arrests.

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Since the Disney film opened locally, Ron Nesher of Maoz Zion has been inundated with requests to use his dogs for publicity stunts.

henefits, and a TV commercial

for detergent - something about

a soap so powerful, it can wash

But he's tired of handing out

free?" he shrugs. Pointing to the

regal Jasper, who sits expectant-

ly at his feet, ears cocked and

eyes alort for danger, he adds, "And why should he?"

"Why should I work for

the spots right off a dalmatian.

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101 dalmations, 101 breeders Israelis have been hit by

HEN the remake of the Disney film 101 Dalmatians opened in the US last December, dalmatians became all the crazc. Suddenly, everyone wanted a tiny, squirming hundle of blackand-white spotted love, just like the pint-sized heroes featured on the hig screen.

Israel triggered a local version

like what you saw in Europe inst the US, where there was heavy advertising and facusands of people trying to buy the dogs says Arye Cass, treasurer of the Israel Continental Pointer Club which oversees the sale and reg-istration of the country's pedi-greed pointer dugs, including

dalmatians. Still, public demand for the dngs is definitely up. "Since the movie came out, it's been dalmatian fever," declares Ron Nesher, who bas been breeding dalmatians from his Maoz Zion

home for four years. Although there are about 100 people breeding dalmatians nationwide, there are only four or five "serious" breeders, Cass says, including himself aod Nesher. The first time a dalmatian was imported to

this couotry was in in

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1977. More have

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since, at a rate of ahout one Nesher and wife Za turned to dog-breeding just over four years ago, wheo they brought back the wheo the. noble lasper from Scotland improve on local stock. All their puppies have heen sired by Jasper, whose bloodline stretches

for ,

dalmatian fever since the release of the Disney film. Sue Fishkoff did a spot check of breeders.

The opening of the film in generations to venerable Welsh and Scottish ancestors such as of dalmatian fever of a lower Dalmoor Raffles of Crindlecarr intensity.

There was no hyperma here itemed Israeli champion two like what you saw it fautope and years ago — a lifetime title—the US, where there was heavy Tasper has won four international competitions, and is. Nesher

says with pride, undefeated.

A cooking remarkably like the space Pongo of 101 Dalmatians fame, I asper is a regal, affections. fronate dug, much in demand for

his stud services. He has his choice of three ladies round the clock in the Nesher household: four-yearold, native-born Jade, and the upstart Danish girls, Katty and

Together, the canioe quartet have brought 60 dalmatian puppies into the world, all of whom oow live with their human pers from Eilat to

Recently, Jade was mopiog around the house, sniffing for-lornly in search of her last "Everyone wants

dalmatians now; they think it will be a pleasure But it's hard food and

puppy, so the latter than the other hand, he continues, puppy with the other hand, he continues, he con matian fever has pushed the can always find a way to unlock dog's selling price sky-high, prices in this country are regulated hy the Pointer Club to a firm \$600 per dug.
"That doesn't mean the

vet bills and

locally. But still, he says, dalmalist for his next litter, and tians never win "best of show" demand is heavy for the 14 litters currectly available in Israel.

"And those are only the registered dogs," Nesher says.

"Everyooe's trying to jump oo the handwagon." Aliza Is off the hand Deomark right now, looking bring back a suitable female to add to Jasper's harem.

The de door fashioo shows,

add to Jasper's harem.
"I doo't think she'll find any," Nesber says. "There just aren't any around, since the movie came out." Another local breeder has just brought back a dozen dalmatians from Hungary, he adds, but they can't be registered - they

don't have the proper papers. "Everyone wants dalmatians now," Nesher says. "They look at these cute puppies, and they thick it'll be a pleasure. Believe me, it's bard wurk, and the food and vet hills are expensive."

Sometime in a second luts of love, and exercise. "It's not a ting that can be locked up in the house all day," he warns. metimes I get a family lids in two bedrooms, ge them. Will they reise the dog every

y? Do they bave a hig yard?" the other hand, he continues, a gate or unfasten a door latch, he cautions.

Dalmatians that are raised to sbow in competition must be free of three common defects: deafness, hlue cyes (acceptable in the US, hut not Europe or Israel), and black patches at



Not Page One

When self-helpers get together

By Sam Orbaum

fold she had "Elephant Man's disease," 22-year-old Idit came to understand that misery does indeed love company. She yearned to share her fears and feelngs with the only kind of person who could truly sympathize: a fel-

Nine years later, her solitude finally ended when she read an appeal in a newspaper from another lonely soul with the same condition.

That notice also got the attention of the Israel Self-Help Center, and together, they went public. Idit discovered, in a matter of hours, there were 2,000 other Israelis just like

Breast-feeders, asthmatics, epilep-

High-profile illnesses were represented, such as cancer, AIDS, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's; the less-known (and therefore more vital to its members) included an association for fibromyalgia and another for Charcot-Marie-Tooth, which is not a dental discoloration problem but a

grim motor and sensory debility.

Rather differently afflicted people scooped fliers off the desks of Parents of Homosexual Children, and Debtors Anonymous - which should perhaps team up with a neighboring group, my personal favorite, Triplets Plus. (I'm sure it was only coincidence that this booth was placed directly under a sign reading "Israel Institute

A stroll among the booths brought visitors in contact with the most diverse group of groups you'll ever see

tics and about a dozen other likeminded soulmates got together last week at the Women's League for Israel premises, for the first confab under the auspices of the center's Jenisalem branch.

Self-help is a supremely Jewish concept the huddled, super-supportive communalism of the Diaspora. You could say that the shtetl was the

the antithesis of another Jewish concept: pioneering Zionism. The stress there was selfless fealty to national interests: individualism was perhaps the most sociopathic ism in a society whose only abundance was in ideologies. Though by now, Zionists may be prime candidates for a self-

A stroll among the booths at the Jerusalem seminar brought visitors in close contact with the most diverse group of groups you'll ever see. However, Israel's most stunningly successful self-helpers were not represented. That would be the association for the gruntlement of disgranded Russian immigrants, ber "("Inge"), Amutat Nortuchei Koma ter known as Natan Sharansky's

about, but it was difficult to tell if the minglers were here for specific personal interests. Like, the La Leche desk was not surrounded by hordes of suckling babes, if you know what I mean. And people seemed to dally at the Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) stall for longer than you'd

with a lot of Anglit spoken among the good-doers. This is not surprising, for voluntarism and social consciousness are cornerstones of English-speaking societies.

Productivity," one of the building's occupants.) This country has come out of its various closets, judging by the list of 409 self-help groups provided by the national umbrella orga-

epitome of self-help. On the other hand, self-help was

help group of their own.

Yisrael Ba'aliya party.

There were lots of people milling

This was society at its most good -

nization.

Most are related to high-profile medical conditions, or serving such needy types as immigrants and Holocaust survivors. But the gamut runs from, well ... Shfaram widows to Tel Aviv hikers; Parents Against Cults to Friends of Converts; lesbian feminists to Orthodox homosexuals; Fathers Against Their Will to Womeo Who Love Too Much; haredim who've gone secular, to guardians of Jewish traditions; mothers with sons in fighting units, to low-profile army rejects; afflicted neighbors to mortgage victims; immigrants from China to Patents of North American Immigrants; hearttransplant patients to the Society to Live and Die With Dignity (euthanasia); Victims of Vaccinations to the Ringworm Association; and a wonderfully-named group that goes by its Hebrew acronym ANAK

of Israel. There are glaring omissions: onhody has yet organized an Association of Victims of All-Night Burglar Alarms. Parents Obooxious Children. Logizomechaoieophobies Anooymous (people who fear computers, naturally).

- or the Fellowship of Little People

To start such a group, or for infor-mation on existing self-help organi-zations, contact the Israel Self-Help Center, 37 King George St., Tel Aviv, Tel. (03) 629-9389 or (03) 620-0259; in Jerusalem, 23 Haturim St., Tel. (02) 537-3675,

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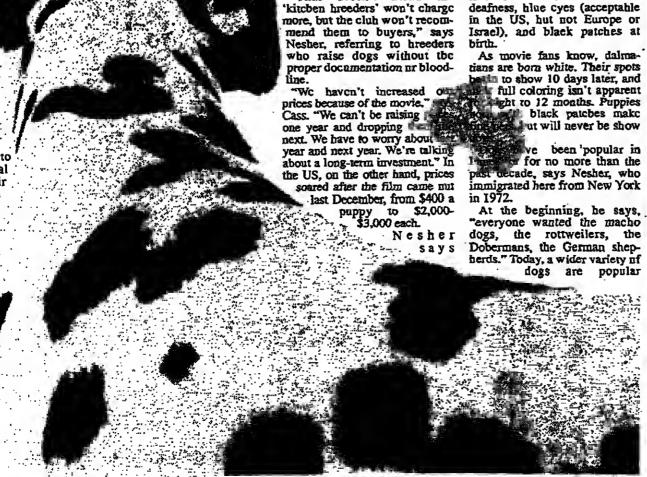
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Israel, US to hold trade talks next week

Senior trade officials from Israel and the US will meet next week in Washington DC to discuss trade between the two countries, the Industry and Trade Ministry announced yesterday. At the meeting, Israeli representatives will raise several issues, including the recent one-sided changes the US made regarding the free-trade agreement, current US-government tendering policies that hurt Israeli companies chances to win government bids and the integration of the Israel-Canada, Canada-US, and US-Israel free-trade agreements. The Americans are also expected to raise grievances regarding the current level of US imports Israel

Coffee hits three-year high

Coffee futures prices soared yesterday, approaching new 20year bighs amid speculation Colombian supplies are nearly depleted at a time when frost could threaten Brazilian crops.

On other commodity markets, platinum and palladium futures rose sharply as world supplies tightened amid a miners strike in South Africa and continued Russian shipping delays. Wheat

futures fell sharply. Coffee futures prices jumped 6.7 percent – the higgest one-day gain since July 11, 1994, on the Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange in New York - amid concern about dwindling supplies from Colombia and Brazil, the world's largest producers of quality arabica coffee beans.

Jordan reschedules \$450m. in debt

Jordan has rescheduled \$450 million worth of dehts that should have been paid between June 1997 and February 1999, a cabinet official said yesterday in Amman. Samir Mutawe, state minister for information, told reporters that \$400m. is owed to Western governments and the remainder to non-government agencies in the West. He declined to give details.

Finance Minister Suleiman Hafez said the rescheduling agreement reached in Paris last week will ease pressure on the balance of payments and enable the cash-strapped kingdom to proceed with economic reforms. With some of the loans, the term was extended to 22 years, with a 10-year grace period. Other loans were rescheduled under export credits guaranteed by the Jordanian government.

Clal first-quarter net income down 66%

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Clal (Israel) Ltd. yesterday reported a 66 percent drop in firstquarter net income to NIS 22.7 million from NIS 66.9m. in the corresponding period last year.
Revenues for the quarter fell to
NIS 1.3 billion from NIS 1.45b.

Clal (Israel), the nation's second-largest holding company after Koor, posted a decrease in reveoues in its industry and trade and services holdings. In its insurance David Wainshal as president and sector, the first quarter showed CEO.

improvement, with net income up from NIS 19.4m. to NIS 22.8m. The financial bolding took a step toward the black, with first-quarter net losses down from NIS 5.1 m. to NIS 1.6m. The tourism holdings. also reported an improvement, with losses shrinking from NIS

1.4m. to NIS 800,000 Earlier this year Leon Recanati officially took over as chairman from Avi Olshansky, and Yitzhak Kaul formally took over from

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Leumi generates NIS 1.15b. in largest-ever TASE offering

Government expects to raise NIS 3 billion from bank sales this year

By Jerusalem Post Staff

The government's sale this week on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange of shares and warrants comprising 15 percent of Bank Leumi was judged a clear success hy financial

circles in Tel Aviv yesterday. In all, the offering of shares and warrants, which was the largest yet to have been launched on the TASE, generated an income of NIS 1.15 hillion.

NIS 600 million of this was is in

Europeans demonstrate for work

DOHA, Oatar - Israeli diplomats based in

the opening of Israel's Trade Representation

Qatar said it froze all official relations with

"We not only feel like pioneers; we are pio-

neers," said Ilan Segev, Israel's deputy head of mission in Doha. "We are the first ones to come

and make contact with people with whom until

recently we have had a great deal of dispute, and hopefully more people will follow."

Israel and Qatar signed an agreement in April

1996 to open trade offices in each other's cap-

itals - to develop trade and political links -

during a visit hy then prime minister Shimon

Israel opened its office in Doha on May 26.

Israel's head of mission in Doha, Sami

Ravell, set up the office hy himself and was

1996, though Qatar has not yet reciprocated.

Israel last November because of the policies of

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Office here.

cash and NIS 260m, in warrants which are to be exercised by the end of the year, while the remainder is scheduled to be exercised by

August next year. Once fully exercised, the share offering will have shrunk the governmeot's stake in Israel's second largest bank to 66%.

Finance Minister Dan Meridor was exceptionally pleased with the results of the offering and said he expected it to accelerate the banking sector's privatization process.

Finance Ministry said it expects to raise a total of NIS 3b. this year from the sale of bank shares, including NIS 500m. from the spinning off of non-financial bold-

ings currently held by govern-ment-owned commercial banks. That forecast does not include the prospective sale of the controlling share in the country's largest institution. Bank Hapoalim, which is being tendered oot directly to bidders. Treasury

In an official statement, the officials hope that sale will take place by next year and ultimately generate an additional NIS 3b.

Israel's hanking sector was almost completely nationalized in the aftermath of the 1983 sharemanipulation scandal, which brought down the stock market and traumaozed the nation's financial world.

The current government has chosen to initially focus its privatization efforts on the banking sector, since much of the preparatory

work was already done during the previous government's term in office and because it is the least socially and politically explosive part of the public sector

Shortly after assuming office last year, Prime Munster Binyamin Nejanyahu said he prefers "to leave for later" moves which would compel such largescale employers as the Israel Electric Corporation to compete with private companies or be taken over by them.

Meltzer announces resignation as Bezeq chariman By JUDY SIEGEL

choirman Gurion Meltzer yesterday announced he is resigning from his post effective June 15. No reason was dis-

Communications Minister Limor Livnat said she regrets that his resignation will come six months ahead of the original expiration of Meltzer's term in

Meltzer's decision follows the resignations of six other executives and 15 of 200 department heads since former Bezeq president Yitzhak Kaul's left in November to head the Clal

Israel holding company. Meltzer, 67, was said by management to have an "excellent relationship" with the contpa-ny's new director-general, Ami Erel.

A former director general of Tadiran and director of planning and development at Koor Industries, Meltzer joined Bezeq two-and-a-half years ago. He will also leave his membership on the board of directors of Bezeq and the company's various subsidiaries.

advances.

Government regulation of the company has been a straitjacket, he said, and makes it difficult to compete with private companies. Bezeq will finish the strategic makeover of the company hy December 1998, he said.

Also, despite long delays, Israel may still buy liquefied natural gas from Qatar, to be pro-In October 1995, Enron and Israel signed a memorandum about Israel's purchase of gas

duced by Enron Corp., Segev said.

"The political decision has been made on the

gas; the question now is one of price," Segev

said. "Qatar is asking for a premium rate which

may not be worth it, given the added transport

If the transaction eventually goes through,

the gas would come from reserves in Qatar's North Field - the largest single offshore field in

the world - and would be liquefied at the port

of Ras Laffan. The liquefied gas would then be

shipped to an undetermined site either in Israel

Ras Laffan's chairman, Youssef Karnal, told

Qatar has natural gas reserves estimated at

for his director-general Giora

Rom and Water Commissioner

The increase would also allow

Meir Ben Meir to be appointed.

for the first ever non-Jewish

250 trillion cuhic feet, or more than 14 times

what the US consumes in a year. Bloomberg

members of the ILA.

Bloomberg in an interview this week that he

was still hopeful that the Enron deal could hap-

pen soon.

receive could be used as the JNF

sees fit. This includes foresta-

tion, land reclamation and the

The JNF remains politically

and ideologically opposed to

this proposal and has voted en

masse against the Ronen propos-

decided to introduce legislation

to lessen the organization's

has an effective veto cannot be

tolerated any longer, Sharon

The JNF yesterday sent a legal

opinioo to Sharon which says

the plan to change the direc-

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Therefore, Sharon has now

creation of parks.

power.

Livnat, who must nominate a replacement, thanked Meltzer for his cooperation during the time they worked together. She praised him for his professionalism and contribution to Bezeq's

No names of possible candidates for the job were mentioned yesterday.

Meanwhile, Erel said at a symposium on international telecommunications yesterday that Bezeq management is working on a new organizational structure for the company. It will be presented within two months to the board of directors.

"Even now it's clear that Bezeq must move from an organization that measures itself in units of implementation and rigid geographical districts to a marketing organization that is close to its customers and looks at sales, income, costs and profits," he said.

JNF: Ronen blueprint 'a breach of covenant'

ed to Qatar via a third-party country.

A woman holds a flower in her teeth as she stands in front of a banner reading 'Trade Union' during a demonstration by some

10,000 people in Brussels yesterday. The action, organized by the Brussels-based European Trade Union Confederation, was

Israeli trade officials in Qatar

quietly mark first anniversary

Over the course of the next 12 months, two

Oman and Qatar were the first members of

Saudi Arabia, the most powerful and influen-

tial member of the six-nation GCC - as well as

the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Bahrain

- have made no attempt to forge formal links

"As Qatar imports nearly 99 percent of what they need, Israeli businessmen are interested in

exporting all types of products to Qatar, partic-

ularly agriculture and high technology," Segev

Israel's trade office in Doha was unable to

confirm or deny the signing of any contracts

between Israeli and Qatari businessmen over

The trade office said it's probable that large

quantities of Israeli tomatoes are being export-

the Gulf Conperation Council, or GCC, to

more diplomats and their wives arrived.

The trade office reports that the bulk of their

planned to step up pressure on governments to create a social Europe in parallel with monetary union.

and Qatari businessmen.

openly welcome Israeli leaders.

then joined hy his wife.

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon's proposal to reform the directorate of the Israel Lands Administration is a serious breach of covenant, according to the legal adviser of the Jewish National Fund.

Sharon's proposal to increase the number of seats in the directorate from 24 to 36 would dra-

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matically reduce the JNF's power hase. Currently, the JNF bloc vote controls 49% of the ILA directorate.

Qatar quietly marked the first anniversary of work has been to act as messengers for Israeli

This threat to hreak up the JNF's power follows the organization's objection to the proposals of the Ronen Committee on reforming the ILA.

The recommendations, fully endorsed hy Sharon and expected to come before the cahinet this Friday, call for the JNF to exchange much of the land and property it owns in the major cities in central Israel for land in the Galilee and Negev.

Sharon's argument is that the JNF was established to protect the land it purchased, and there is greater need for them to be operating away from the center of the country.

The land the JNF would



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torate is "a serious breach of the letter of coveoant between the State of Israel and the JNF of November 28, 1961." There it says half of the directorate, less ooe, will be appointed by the JNF. That document also points out that "the covenant holders will do all that is required and beneficial to implement the

covenant." Furthermore, the covenant says that any change proposed by one of the coveoantors canoot be carried out, without six months writteo notice and is subject to the approval of the other signatory.

A spokesman for Sharon said last night the ministry is still studying the letter. Sharon's proposal to increase

the directorate to 36 would allow

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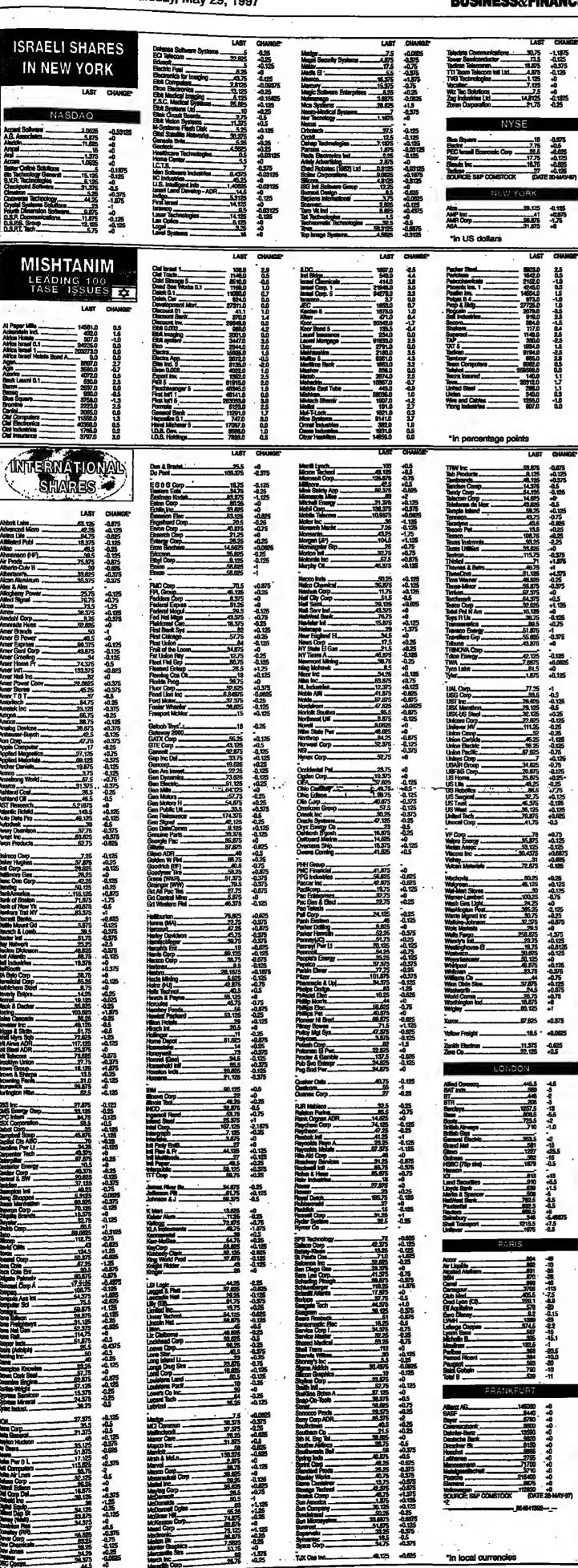
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TASE ROUNDUP

Leumi sale boosts market to record high

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By FELICE MARANZ

Stocks in Tel Aviv soared to their second record in four days after the

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government's sale of Bank Leumi was seen as a success and as Israel Chemicals Ltd. reported better-thanexpected cami

The Maof Index of 25 issues rose 1.55 percent to 283.2 and the Mishtanim Index of 100 issues rose 1.38% to 274.63. Hours after the exchange closed

yesterday, the government said it had sold 14% of the bank in a sale which was oversubscribed 2.8 times. Seven percent was sold as shares

and 7% as options, with the price 11% more than the minimum of NIS Shares in Bank Leumi, the

nation's second-biggest bank, jumped 2.25% to close at 5.3.

Bank Leumi was the dominant thing in the market," said Baruch Friedman, head of the securities department at Zeler Avlagon in

Ramat Gan. "Foreigners bought at a rate unknown here for years."
This morning there were offers to sell a large amount of Bank Leumi shares, NIS 11 million worth, and it was all taken, with no change in the price," said Doron Tsur, head of research at Tel Aviv firm Sahar

Securities. "The success of this sale

is contributing to a good mood on

the exchange."

Other banks were buoyed by the sale. Bank Hapoalim, the country's largest bank, rose 3% to 7.47. The government is planning to sell a stake in Bank Hapoalim to a group of investors later this year. Israel Discount Bank rose 1.5% to 3.7 and First International Bank Series 5

went up 3% to 2,630.33. Chemical companies jumped after Israel Chemicals Ltd. said net income rose by 48% to \$21.3m. in

the first quarter.

Israel Chemicals rose 3.75% to 4.14; Dead Sea Works rose1% to 11.69; Dead Sea Bromine rose 2.5% to 22.23 and Makhteshim Chemical Works gained 3.5% to 21.8.

Israel Corp., which holds a majority of ICL, soured 5% to 219.48. Declining shares included state-controlled phone company Bezeq,

which fell 0.5% to 9.3. The most active issue was Bank Leurni, trading NIS 47.4m. worth of shares. Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 214.6m. worth of shares traded. Two shares advanced for every one that declined.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

France poll worry takes toll on Euro bourses

LONDON (Reuter) - Europe's major stock markets all suffered yesterday, but French shares were hammered by investor worries that the opposition Socialists may be well placed for Sunday's runoff parliamentary elections.

The French rout, which saw the blue chip CAC-40 index lose 4.4 percent of its value at one point, came after rumors swept the market about privately commissioned polls predicting the likely outcome of the National Assembly elections.

The market picked itself off the

closed with a loss of 97.17 points, or 3.63 percent, at 2,583.17 for the second big fall of the week.

The franc also fell to a near fourmonth low against the mark of .3828 before edging back slightly.

The French stock market provided the main drama, however, with the CAC-40 falling the most in percentage terms in four years before struggling off its lows.

The CAC index lost 3.91 percent! on Monday, then rebounded nearly 1% on Tuesday before poll rumors triggered the fresh selloff-yesterday pover of FR 12.45b

WALL STREET REPORT

Profit-taking clips Dow

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Blue-chip stocks closed lower yesterday as investors took profits and paused to consider the market's next move after a dizzying rise into the record books.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 26.18 points to end at 7,357.23, one day after a record finish of 7,383.41. That was the market's sixth such milestone so far in May and its 21st of the year.

In the broader market, advancing issues led decliners by 13 to 11 on active volume of 491 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

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Malone delivers goods

Utah tops Houston in Game 5, could wrap it up tonight

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The MVP finally had

the kind of game everyone was waiting for.
Karl Malone broke out of an eight-day bout with mediocrity Tuesday night, scoring 29 points in his most productive offensive game of the Western Conference finals as Utah defeated Houston 96-91 in

Malone, who shot 11-for-22 from the field - including 7-for-11 in the second half - also shut down Charles Barkley defensively to move the Jazz within one victory of the NBA Finals.

Malone, who had been saying "I'm due" for the better part of a week, grabbed 14 rebounds, shot 7for-8 on free throws and handed out four assists. Several of his shots were rally-killers in the second half, when the Rockets refused to go down easily

despite falling behind for good in the second quarter.

Malone, who averaged 27.4 points on 55 percent shooting this season but just 22 points on 43% this series, also locked up the victory with two free throws with 13 seconds left that gave Utah a 96-89 lead.

"Sometimes you forget what Karl Malone can do for your team, but when the game's all done you notice. He came up with a beck of a game tonight,"
Jazz guard John Stockton said. "I knew Karl was going to come back ready to play."

It was the 22nd straight home victory for the Jazz, who haven't lost at the Delta Center since February 23. They will look to wrap up the series tonight in Houston, but they'll have to become the first team to win a road game in this series.

Six Utah players scored in double figures. Stockton had another strong game with 17 points, Bryon Russell scored 13, Jeff Hornacek 11 and reserves Howard Eisley and Antoine Carr had 10 each. Hakeem Olajuwon scored 33 points for Houston, while Clyde Drexler had 15 and Matt Maloney 14.

Barkley, who unsuccessfully tried to draw Malone into a trash-talking duel in the first half, finished with just 10 points on 3-of-6 shooting. And he did almost nothing after making two 3-pointers in the first 31/2

minutes of the game. "I thought it was the best game we played in the series," Barkley said. "We got our burns kicked the first two times we played here, and in this game we had a chance to win. That will be encouraging for me

on Sunday (a possible Game 7)." Part of the reason for Barkley's poor showing was Malone, who held his ground against Barkley in one-on-one isolations better than he did last weekend when the Rockets won two straight games to tie the series.

Malone also found the range on his turnaround jumper, which has become his bread-and-butter shot. "If he keeps making that fadeaway jumper, I'll shake his hand after the series and say good luck

against the Bulls," Barkley said. Malone's performance put the Jazz in position to go where they've never gone - the NBA Finals - after four appearances in the conference finals over the past six years.

It also brought them one step closer to satisfying a local populace that has grown weary of all the close calls. When the Jazz awoke Tuesday morning, the headline in the local paper read: "Hey Karl, Isn't It

"When someone takes a stab at you on the front page of the paper, it kind of upsets you," said Malone, who is known as "The Mailman." "I am buman, contrary to what you guys think."

Barkley defended Malone by saying.
"Unfortunately, he's the man. And he doesn't get all

the credit, but he takes all the blame." In the Eastern Conference finals, Miami, down 3 games to 1, was at Chicago last night.

Defending champs and Zohar linked with Palace

By DEREK FATTAL Itzik Zohar, the talented Betar Jerusalem midfielder who won

his second National League championship medal last weekend, is considering a move to Crystal Palace.

The South London side who won promotion from the English First Division to the Premier League at the end of the season are now aiming to inject some fresh talent onto their roster.

Zohar, who played a crucial role in guiding Maccabi Tel Aviv to a league and State Cup dou-ble last season told Israel Radio yesterday that he is interested in joining Palace, and plans to visit the club straight after the Israel squad's World Cup qualifying match against Russia in Moscow on June 8.

In other transfer news yesterday, Maccabi Tel Aviv's general manager Shimon Korek killed off speculation that Avi Nimni may be leaving the club in an exchange deal involving Maccabi Haifa's Reuven Atar.

Korek insisted that Nimni would only be released to a European club, and that if the player continues to play in Maccabi Tel Aviv's colors.

Ben Johnson withdraws bid to lift ban

BRAMPTON, Ontario (Reuter) - Disgraced Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson on Tuesday withdrew his bid before the IAAF to lift a lifetime ban while he awaits his day in a Canadian court.

Johnson had filed suit in an Ontario court earlier this month to win the right to race again and prove he's still the world's fastest

Sampras advance

PARIS (AP) - Top-ranked Pete like this." Sampras stayed on course for the only Grand Slam title he bas never won, demolishing Francisco Clavel 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 yesterday to move into the third round of the

Sampras, who has nine Grand Slam titles but has never won on the red clay of Roland Garros, posted bis second straight-set victory in a row.

Defending champions Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Steffi Graf also swept into the third round with straight-set victories.

Kafelnikov, who has said it would take a "miracle" to retain his title, powered to a 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 win over France's Guillaume Raoux, one of Kafelnikov's most impressive performances since returning to action after a threemonth layoff with a broken finger. It's one step closer," the third-

seeded Russian said when asked if the miracle was getting closer.
Graf, a five-time champion at Roland Garros, beat French wild card Amelie Mauresmo, the junior

champion, 6-3, 6-3. Thomas Muster, the fifth-seeded 1995 champion, advanced by beating Jeff Tarango 7-5, 1-6, 6-2,

6-1 in an ill-tempered match, Muster twice refused to shake Tarango's hand after the match,

even after Tarango went to Muster's side and extended his hand. Umpire Mike Morrissey stepped

in between the two players to separate them.

Tarango contested a lot of calls at the start of the second set, argued with the umpire, mimicked and mocked Muster, and once served underhanded. Muster called for supervisor Bill Gilmour, who remained near the court until the end of the match.

Muster said, "I don't think what we saw today was very professional. I've never played anyone

Tarango commented: "Probably his ego is just a little bruised. He bas such a big ego. If you take a little bit of his limelight, he just doesn't like it."

In 1995, Tarango walked off the court during a match in Wimbledon after arguing with the umpire, who was later slapped by Tarango's French wife.

The second-seeded Graf ran into trouble at 4-3 in the second set, when she served two double faults and had to stave off three break points. But the German survived to win in 55 minutes.

Graf only returned to action two weeks ago after a three-month layoff because of surgery on her left

"I am slowly getting there, I felt pretty comfortable," she said. Before the tournament, Graf said she was about two weeks away from her peak form. The match apparently didn't last

long enough for Graf to have a proper workout and she practiced for another hour after her win. Eighth-seeded Alex Corretja of

Spain, the most consistent performer on clay this year, recovered from a slow start to down German valifier Jens Knippschild 4-6, 6 1, 6-1, 7-6(10-8).

Unseeded Andrei Medvedev. a dark horse, defeated Juan Albert Viloca 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

Among the women, fourth-seeded Jana Novoma recled off 11 straight games to beat Jana Kandarr 6-4, 6-0 and reach the third round.

Fifth-seeded Lindsay Davenport breezed past Elena Makarova 6-1. 6-3, while seventh-seeded Conchita Martinez routed Chanda Rubin 6-3, 6-0.

Novotna, 28, a 10-year veteran on the tour, is playing some of the best clay-court tennis of her career this year. She beat Monica Seles to win the Madrid title last weekend.



in last night's European Cup. The German side surprised the Italians, 3-1.

Dortmund stun Juventus to lift European Cup

MUNICH (Reuter) - Borussia Dorimund caused the biggest upset in the European Cup Final for more than a decade when they beat hot favorites and holders Juvenius 3-1 at the Olympic Stadium yesterday.

Two goals in the 29th and 34th minutes by Karlheinz Reidle and a third in the 71st minute from substitute Lars Ricken, who had been sent onto the pitch only 16 seconds before, sealed

Juventus's solitary goal came from substitute Alessandro Del Piero after 64 minutes.

Dortmund took the lead with their first shot of the match after 29 minutes when Riedle lashed home a left-foot drive after chesting the ball down. He made it 2-0 for the German side when he rose unmarked to head home a

comer five minutes later. Ricken scored a superb goal, lofting the ball

spotting the goalkeeper off his line. Del Piero's goal was a close-range flick to end a move engineered by Juventus' Croatian

high over Peruzzi's head from 30 meters after

striker Alen Boksic. The result was the biggest upset since Steaua Bucharest beat Barcelona in the 1986 final,

Borussia became the first German team to win the Cup since Hamburg in 1983, who coincidentally also beat Juventus in that final. . The result must have been Heaven sent since thousands of Borussia Dortmund fans had nacked into central Munich churches yesterday to pray for their team.

A church spokesman in Munich said there

was a huge demand from the fans for candles. A German banner attached to a bronze statue of the holy bishop Korbinian in front of a church administration building read: "We're going to bring the cup home."

Yesterday's final is the 42nd since the com-petition began in the 1955-56 season. Real Madrid, who last won the trophy 31 years ago are still the most successful club winning the competition six times, Italy have been the most successful nation with nine wins, followed by England with eight,

This is the second time Juventus, and Borussia Dortmund have met in a European final in the 1990s, in 1992-93 Juvenius beat Borussia 3-1 away and 3-0 at home to win the UEFA Cup by a record aggregate score of 6-1.

Belle hits grand slam, extends hitting streak to 22

mer team and extended his hitting streak to a career-high 22 games as the White Sox beat the Cleveland Indians 8-2 on Tuesday.

Doug Drabek (4-3) pitched seven strong innings as the White Sox gained a split of the two-game

Belle had dropped a fly ball for an error and was 0-for-2 with a strikeout when he came to the plate in the fourth with Chicago leading 4-0. Albie Lopez (2-3) walked Frank Thomas intentionally to load the bases and Belle then lined his 10th homer of the season over the fence in right.

It was Belle's second grand slam this season - both have followed an intentional walk to Thomas -

and ninth of his career. Drabek allowed three bits. walked three and struck out three. He was hit in the arm by a line drive of Sandy Alomar's bat in the bottom of the seventh but stayed

in and finished out the inning. Orioles 10, Yankees 6 Pete Incaviglia drove in four runs and Jeffrey Hammonds hit a three-run homer as visiting Baltimore won its eighth games in

10 tries. Kenny Rogers (3-3), who has just one win in six starts since April 23, was pounded for nine runs - six earned -and six hits in

4% innings.
Baltimore, which swept the twogame series, opened an eightrame lead over the defending World Series champions, who lost for the seventh time in eight games. New York, 1-6 against AL East opponents, has dropped into third place in the division behind the first-place Orioles and

Red Sox 7, Brewers 6 Pinch-hitter Mike Stanley's RB1 single broke a seventh-inning tie, giving Boston a home victory. The Red Sox trailed 6-4 in the sixth before Mo Vaughn doubled and Reggie Jefferson hit his seventh home run to tie it. But with two men on and two out in the seventh, manager Jimy Williams replaced Jefferson with Stanley. Right-bander Boh Wickman

relieved lefty Joel Adamson (1-1)

Athletics 8, Royals 6 (10)

Jose Canseco and Scott Spiczio had two RBIs apiece when Oakland batted around in the top of the 10th and the A's held on for a wild win.

the ninth before the A's - held to one hit for eight-plus innings by Jose Rosado - got a two-run homer by Mark McGwire and a solo shot from Scott Spiezio to

innings on pinch-hitter Scott Cooper's borner in the bottom of the ninth.

the 10th, and the Royals came back with three runs in their half Twins 11, Mariners 10

Norm Charlton walked Chuck Knoblauch with the bases loaded. capping a six-run ninth-inning rally for the bost Twins.

spoiled a game in which Ken Griffey Jr. and Joey Cora each set records. Griffey hit his 23rd homer, breaking his own major league mark for homers through May. Cora went 4-for-6 to extend his hitting streak to a team-record 22 games, which also tied the AL

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Phillies 2, Reds 1 Curt Schilling stopped Barry

Larkin's streak of reaching base at 13 - one shy of the NL record and pitched a complete game as Philadelphia won on the road. Rob Butler had an RBI single

and Rico Brogna bomered off rookie Brett Tomko (0-1) as the Phillies ended Cincinnati's longest winning streak of the season at four games. Cincinnati came away with the worst record in the major leagues (18-32).
Schilling (7-4) rebounded from

his shortest start in four years by pitching a six-hitter and striking out 11 during his third complete game io 12 starts. The right-hander lasted only 2% innings last Thursday, when he gave up nine runs to the New York Mets.

Larkin singled in the first inning, but flied to right in the third to end his streak one shy of Pedro Guerrem's NL record set in 1985. Expos 5, Mets 4

Darrin Fletcher homered and pinch-hitter F.P. Santangelo hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the fifth inning as Montreal rallied for a

With the Expos trailing 4-2 in the fifth, Fletcher led off with a bomer

off Mets starter Mark Clark (5-3). American League

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Tuesday's AL results: Detroit 6, Anaheim 2; Boston 7, Milwaukee 6; Texas 15, Toronto 5; Chicago 8, Cleveland 2; Baltimore 10, NY 6; Oakland 8, Kansas City 6 (10); Minnesota 11, Seattle 10.

Thesday's NL results: St. Louis 8, Cotorado 6; San Francisco 5, Houston 4 (10); Philadelphia 2, Cincinnati 1; Chicago 8, Pinsburgh 7; Montreal 5, NY 4; Atlanta 9, San Diego 2; Florida 8, Los Angeles 5.

Ronaldo deal breaks down

MADRID (AP) - After two days of uncertainty about Brazilian superstriker Ronaldo's future, FC Barcelona chairman Jose Luis Nuoez said negotiations had broken off and that he expects the player to announce an agreement with another team.

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Nunez said that the final meetings with representatives for the 20-year-old player, voted the world's No. 1 player in 1996, were "forced" and that he felt they had already reached an agreement with Italy's Internazionale of Milan beforehand

The break came only a day after Ronaldo's three representatives and Barcelona chairman Jose Luis Nunez announced they had reached agreement to extend Ronaldo's contract by two years to 2006 and to raise his annual salary of 250 million peseus (\$1.7m) to 500m pesetas (\$3.4m) after tax. The deal, which was to conclude

several months of talks. was intended to end doubts over Ronaldo's future following his threat to leave Barcelona unless his eight-season contract, begun last year, was improved. It would have made Ronaldo

one of the world's highest paid sportsmen. His new contract waiver was to

he 10 billion pesetas (\$70m), more than twice that of the first accord. News reports in Norway vesterday, where Ronaldo was preparing for an exhibition game with the Brazilian national team, eited the player as saying he was happy with the new deal although Inter had offered more money.

A spokesman for Inter yesterday said that if Ronaldo fails to sign a new deal with Barcetona, then the club Inter would still be interested. Earlier yesterday, a Barcelona spokesman said a last-minute financial disagreement on how a bonus of some 2b pesetas (\$14m)

would be paid to Ronaldo prevent ed the sealing of the new accord. Ronaldo became the most expensive player in Spanish sorser when he left PSV Eindhoven last year to sign with Barcelona for \$20m.

He is top scorer in the Spanish league with 34 goals.

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Tonight is your last chance to see the Kirov Swan Lake at the Sultan's Pool at 8. The English theater productions start off with Peter Hall's acclaimed production of Oscar Wilde's An Ideal Husband starring Richard Todd and Simon (of Young Churchill fame) Ward as Lord Goring. It's on the Sherover stage at 9 p.m. tonight and Saturday and at 3 p.m. tomorrow. Downstairs in Rebecca Crown, it's charismatic Steven Berkoff in the title role of his own production of Shakespeare's Coriolanus tonight at 8. tomorrow at 11 a.m. For jazz fans there's a onetime-only performance by whizzkid saxophonist James Carter, said to be the best since John

Helen Kaye

The classical music program of this year's Israel Festival leaves a lot to be desired. Among the opening concerts are Berlin's Ancient Music Academy performing two Bach programs today (8:30) at the Israel Arts & Science School and tomorrow (10 a.m.) at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall. Tomorrow (1) at St. Andrew's Church, Malcolm Bilson and Robert Levin play piano music by Mozart and Schubert on fortepianos. They present a different program of music by the same composers Saturday (11 a.m.) at the YMCA hall. The Netherlands Wind Ensemble performs tomorrow (4) and Saturday (9:30) at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall, and Saturday (9) at the Dormition Abbey there is a performance by the Melanchton Choir from Germany.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Tabea Zimmermann, one of the greatest violists of our generation, presents a recital with pianist Menahem Wiesenberg playing music by Bach, Schumann, Brahms and Wiesenberg, tonight (8:30) at the Jerusalem Music Center and Saturday (9) at the Tel Aviv Museum. Composer Aharon Razel presents a concert of his own works tonight (8:30) at Hasadna in Jerusalem.

OPERA

HELEN KAYE

Verdi's The Masked Ball is about love, jealousy and regicide. Soprano Michele Crider sings



The Kirov Ballet presents 'Swan Lake.'

Amelia to baritone Roberto Servile's Renato. Tenor Alberto Cupido is King Gustaf III of Sweden, Amelia's would-be lover. This is the second of the the Berlin Opera's guest productions at the New Israeli Opera. It's directed by Götz Friedrich and conducted by Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos. It opens tonight at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center at 8. Mozart's The Magic Flute with baritone Ralf Lukas singing the birdcatcher Papageno is on the same stage tomorrow at

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

For years actor Ofer Shikartzi ignored his brother Dekel, who was born with Down's syndrome, until he began to see the person under the label. The Other Side of the House by Bila Altman-Hadas is the dramatization of the brothers' moving journey towards one another. A Fringe Theater production at ZOA House on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Recommended. (Hebrew.)



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

26 Attractive old story, told in

the third person? (7,8)

27 Percy follows Tottenham (7)
28 The lady collapsed, suggesting demise (7)

DOWN

Bush (4)

present epoch (5) 23 Boy is simple (4)

ACROSS 1 Popular taste I'd find bland

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5 Silly hat on, in afternoon shade (7) 9 Bring the head round to

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3 Ready to go on hard track 4 Cloth is adequate to family

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6 Old Degas couldn't quite get up (4)

22 Saw a period beyond the 7 Reliable person for a

tugboat? (5,2,8)

8 In spring, lovely part of London (7) 13 Having started life taking

in oxygen, here's another element (5) 14 Girl's in the pink (5)

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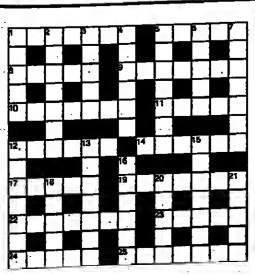
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11 Doglike mammal 12 Kidnap (6) 14 Eager (6) 17 Turkish dish (5) 19 Pastoral poem (7)

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DOWN 1 Cavalry sword (5) 2 Tasteless (7) 3 Swedish monetary unit (5) 4 Reimburse (6)

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EDUCATIONAL

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III FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (mt) 7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (mt) 8:00 Dallas (mt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and

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10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt)
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Yafa Deri testimony ends

Esther Werbeder, an American benefactor, left her "more then \$100,000," Yafa Deri said yesterday, completing three weeks of testimony in the fraud trial of her husband, Shas leader Aryeh Deri. She also was questioned yesterday about her husband's trips to London, and about Martin Brown, who hosted him while he was there. Deri's lawyer, Navot Tel-Tsur, said she is his last witness.

The trial will continue Sunday with codefendant Arye Weinberg on the witness



Yafa Deri (Brian Hendler)

Witness: I took driving test by proxy

An illiterate Tira resident told Army Radio yesterday morning that he gave someone his identity card and paid him NIS 700 to take the theory part of his driver's exam. Several days later, his ID was returned and he received a notice that he had passed the test. Thousands of Arabs "pass" the test in a similar manner, Army Radio said. Meanwhile, Haifa Licensing Bureau head Daniel Meir, arrested on Tuesday in connection with the driver's license scam, was released on NIS 75,000 bail yesterday, placed under house arrest for 10 days, and barred from leaving the country.

GIF approves DM 18m. for research grants

Grants for 50 new joint research projects in life sciences, medicine, social science and the humanities have been approved by the German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development. The grants total DM 18 million.

Established by Chancellor Helmut Kohl and then-premier Shimon Peres 11 years ago, GIF has supported over 450 joint research projects by Israeli and German scientists. Among the recipients this year is Nobel Prize laureate Prof. Hartmut Michel of Frankfort, who cooperates with the Hebrew University in a project on proteins in cell membranes. Projects that will receive grants include work on "mad cow disease." Alzheimer's disease, the link between mental stress and the immune system, cancer drugs, the human genome, and dyslexia and heart dis-

Doctor removes worm from patient's eye

A 25-year-old man who returned from Zaire a few months ago complaining of "itching" in his eye yesterday underweot a rare operation at Meir Hospital, where doctors removed from the organ a four-centimeter-long worm. Dr. Ehud Assia and col-leagues at the Kfar Sava hospital's ophthalmology department were surprised to see a worm "wandering around" in the man's eye. The source was a parasite that apparently bit the patient, leaving pieces that remained dormant in his body and then developed into a live worm. Assia said that while African doctors have reported on such cases, it was the first time he had seen a live worm in an eye. "This case points up the importance of preventive treatment in people travelling to Africa and South America," the doctor said.

Judy Sie

Civil Service cracks down on political activity

In advance of the upcoming party primaries. Civil Service Commissioner Shmuel Hollander yesterday ordered ministry directors-general to enforce regulations banning political activity by senior civil servants. Among other regulations, civil servants in the top four grades are barred from being members of party central committees. Jerusalem Post Staff

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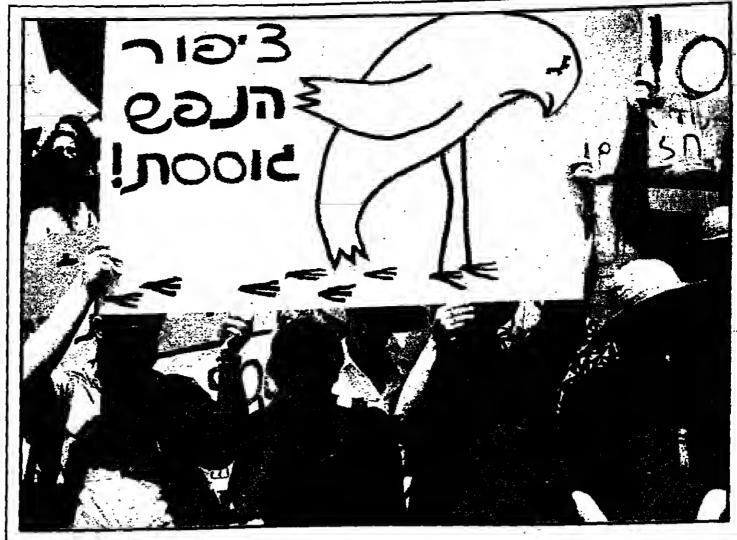
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A cry from the heart

Public sector psychologists hold a placard that reads 'The bird of the soul is dying' during a demonstration near the Knesset yesterday to demand higher wages and better working conditions. Police detained six of the protesters.

Coalition pushes to abolish TV license fee

By DAVID HARRIS

Moledet MK Benny Elon's bill to abolish the television license fee was approved yesterday for its first reading by the Knesset Finance committee.

The vote weot according to party lines, with the coalition winning 9-7. All coalition members voted with Elon's proposal, while Labor and Meretz voted against. MK Alexander Lubotsky (Third Way) abstained.

The vote was the second in two days on the issue. On Tuesday, the introduction to the legislative to remove the license fee as "a

By JUDY STEGEL

Forgetfulness and dementia

don't have to be signs of Alzbeimer's disease - they could result from a deficit in vitamin

B12 that harms the neurological system and causes anemia.

According to researchers at Tel Aviv University, one of the fac-

tors in this condition is the fol-

lowing of a rigid vegetarian diet,

abstaining completely from meat,

At a ceremony marking the

establishment of the Lester and

Sally Antin Fund, a new Tel Aviv

University fund for the study of demenda in the elderly not con-

nected with Alzheimer's or scle-

rotic diseases, Prof. Uri Seligsohn

of the hematology department of the Sackler Medical School said

the story of vitamin B12 anemia is

among the most dramaoc in the

It began with Thomas Edison, who in 1855 described an illness

in which patients gradually

history of medicine.

eggs and milk products.

process, but MK Avraham Shohat (Labor) and MK Haim Oroo '(Meretz), two of the main opponents of the proposal, managed to delay the vote for 24 hours on a

legal technicality.
With many of the regular committee members absent, and the real possibility that all opposition members would vote the bill down. Likud faction chairman Michael Eitan made a frantic last minute effort to ensure there would be a coalition majority.

committee approved the bill's Pines (Labor) described the plan.

become pale, confused and weak,

It was later called pernicious

anemia. In 1880, Dr. Paul Ehrlich described the characteristic coodi-

tion of the blood in such patients.

In 1926, scientists suggested patients could recover by eating

large amounts of liver extracts. Four years later, it was discovered

that feeding patients beef with gastric juices cured them.

Among geriatric patients suffer-

ing from dementia, 4 percent to

16% were found to suffer from the

vitamin deficiency. Doctors, said

Seligsohn, must be educated to look for this problem in such padents. An ordinary blood test is

insufficient for a diagnosis, but

new tests and advanced equip-ment that the new TAU fund is

working on will make it possible

to carry out mass screening in old

age homes throughout the country.

locate the gene that causes the type

of anemia resulting from a defec-

ove receptor for the vitamin.

The researchers will also try to

and that can even lead to death.

Dementia tied to lack

of vitamin B12

scandal. While Arutz 7 is operating illegally, how can we act like

The feeling among opposition MKs is that this bill is the latest stage in the battle between the government and the Israel Broadcasting Authority. The gov-emment, led by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, has con-stantly maintained that IBA gives favorable coverage to Labor, bot is onfair in its repeated criticism of the government.

majority. "We are not against IBA," said Following the vote MK Ophir. MK Yurhak Cohen (Shas): "We Pines (Labor) described the plan just feel there should be a level

YU criticized for award to 'Jewish Press' publisher

Jerusalem Post Staff

Yeshiva University, which has been struggling to present an image of tolerance, has come under fire for honoring the pub-lisher of the Jewish Press, a Brooklyn newspaper whose ideology has been called "extremist" and "polarizing." Rabbi Sholom Klass, the publisher, was to receive a "lifetime achievement in journalism" award last night at the annual dinner of YU's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary

The university, the preeminent Orthodox institution of bigher education in the US, yesterday tried to distance itself from the oewspaper, stressing that the award is for an individual, not an endorsement of his paper, or its philosophy.

Steve Bayme, director of commuoal affairs at the American Jewish Committee, said he was "stunned" by the decision to honor

What's on at the Festival



Jerusalem Theater Sherover - An Ideal Husband tonight at 9; tomorrow at 3 p.m.; Saturday at 9 p.m. Heory Crown - Jerusalem Symphony - Stravinsky special, 8:30 p.m.; Alte Musik, Program B at 10 a.m.; Netherlands Wiod Eosemble

(NWE) at 4 p.m., both tomorrow; NWE, Saturday at 9 p.m. Rebecca Crown - Coriolanus tonight at 8; tomorrow, 11 a.m. Foyer - jazz, Amie Lawrence combo tonight; Flutalk, Samurday, 11:45 p.m. Free. Plaza - Electrifying Festival -

9 p.m. opening ceremony, 8 p.m. Free. Sultan's Pool - Kirov Ballet,

Swan Lake at 8 p.m.

Israel Museum Tent - jazz, James Carter at 9 p.m. Targ, Ein Kerem - Anniversary Program A. Saturday at 11 a.m. A&Sc., Malcha - Alte Musik, Program A. YMCA

fortepiano, Bilson/Levin B, Saturday, 11 a.m. St. Andrews Church - fortepiano, Bilson/Levin A, tomorrow, I p.m. Dormition Abbey Melanchthon Choir, Saturday,

Hangar Talpiot - Zik, Enerzik tonight and Saturday, 9 p.m. Caesarea - Kirov, Swan Lake Saturday, 9 p.m.



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Dramatizing the despots

By HELEN KAYE

The leader who doesn't keep his ear to the ground, "who doesn't listen to the heart of the people and doesn't realize that the world is wider than his personal beliefs, is doomed to destruction," says actor/director Steven Berkoff. Britain's leading theatrical icono-

Of course, Berkoff means Coriolanus, the charismatic hero of Shakespeare's play. Berkoff directs and plays the title role in Coriolanus. one of the least performed dramas in the Shakespeare canon "and a warning against any extreme 'ism,'" Berkoff added at a press conference yesterday. The play opens at the Jerusalem Theater tonight, one of three English language plays at the Israel Festival.

The story centers around the Roman general, Coriolanus, whose unswerving moral integrity brings him glory, then infamy and death. Berkoff admires the play, because it can provoke division in an audience, with some admir-

ing Coriolanus almost as a Nietzschean superman" and others damning him for "a brutal despot, aurogant and ruthless."

Its hero's superman image, says Berkoff, caused the American army to ban a proposed production of the play in Germany in 1945, lest it reawaken vanquished aspirations.

"Plays reflect the societies they're in. The English are very neurotic, that's why you see a lot of Hamlets, and Chekhov with its spineless, drippy kvetching. But Coriolanus is ruthless, strong, powerful and the British can't get their crumbling teeth around the role," says Berkoff, who visibly delights in savaging the theatrical establishment.

He has set the current produc-tion in a 1930s fascist state, a lot like Mussolini's Italy. Berkoff also played Hitler in the TV series of Herman Wouk's War and Remembrance.

He feels that "only a Jew can play Hitler, can really get under his skin. Besides, Hitler's spinning in his grave."